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WORLDS COLLIDE **PART ONE**

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING! EVERYTHING'S OUT OF CONTROL!
HE'S COMING! HE'S COMING FOR THE ENTIRE PLANET!
--SO MUCH POWER--
--SO MUCH POWER THAT WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE--
--OF SOMETHING--
--OR ELSE OUR ENTIRE EARTH HAS ONLY MINUTES TO LIVE!

WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY.
F-FALCON, RUH-RIGHT?
GOD, THANK YOU! I'M THE LAST ONE, AREN'T I?
LET'S HOPE!
"THE VISION AND HIS DAUGHTER ARE CHECKING OUT THE OTHER APARTMENTS TO BE SURE!"
EVERYTHING APPEARS CLEAR.
THEN I WILL ASSIST THE FIREFIGHTERS BELOW.
NOT YET. YOU WILL STAY HERE--
VIV!
!
WHAT THE HELL--?

I AM VIV VISION OF THE CHAMPIONS. HOW MAY I BE OF AID?
OH! PHEW!
NO, LISTEN, I THINK I'VE DONE ABOUT ALL I--
LOOK OUT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT. MY BODY CAN BECOME AS HARD AS DIAMOND. I WILL PROTECT YOU.
WOW.
DAUGHTER?
A WORD.

YES?
I WITNESSED THAT. THERE WAS A REASON I ASKED YOU TO TAKE CAUTION.
A STARTLED FIREFIGHTER IS A VULNERABLE FIREFIGHTER. HE MIGHT HAVE DIED BECAUSE YOU DISTRACTED HIM.
I, IN FACT, SAVED HIS LIFE.
ANY NUMBER OF THINGS MIGHT HAVE GONE WRONG IN THAT MOMENT. THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO PREVENT ONE OF THEM DOES NOT ABSOLVE YOU OF BEING THOUGHTLESS.
I SAVED HIM.
YOU ENDANGERED HIM.
WHEN WE ARE IN THE FIELD, YOU WILL DO AS I SAY. IS THAT CLEAR?
UMMM...
...THAT SEEMED... HARSH AND... UNLIKE YOU. LISTEN, I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU HOW TO RAISE YOUR DAUGHTER--
GOOD.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.
OLYMPUS STATION.
CHAMPIONS HEADQUARTERS.
...BECAUSE THEY'RE ABOUT TO SHOW YOU, THAT'S WHY!
HULK, LOOK. MAYBE I CAN'T DO THE MATH, BUT...
NOVA? WHY IS HULK BEING UNPLEASANT TO YOU?
THANK YOU!
HE'S GOT HIS "EIGHTH-SMARTEST-GUY-IN-THE-WORLD" HAT ON AGAIN BECAUSE, SOMEHOW, IT FITS OVER HIS SWELLED HEAD.
SORRY. SORRY. SOMETIMES I FORGET HOW SMART I AM.
NO, YOU DON'T.
NO, I DON'T. I'M JUST CHUFFED. I'D SHOW YOU MY CALCULATIONS, BUT I CAN'T FIND WHERE I PUT THEM FOR SOME REASON. IT'S LIKE THEY'VE DISAPPEARED. BUT--
--SEE THAT SATELLITE? ASTRONERDS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR IT TO TAKE POSITION FOR SIX MONTHS...

GENIUS IN ACTION RESEARCH LAB.
CRESSKILL, NEW JERSEY.
...AND TODAY'S THE DAY!
IT'S ABOUT TO START TRANSMITTING PICTURES FROM THE EXACT OTHER SIDE OF THE SUN!
AND YOU'RE SURE THIS WILL PROVE YOUR THEORY.
FACT. NOT THEORY. FACT. ALL THE OTHER HEROES KEEP TALKING ABOUT SOME "COUNTER-EARTH" ON THE SUN'S FAR SIDE, AND NO. IT DOES NOT EXIST.
I'VE BEEN THERE! IT'S THE HOME OF THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY! HE MAKES ANIMALS INTO HUMANOIDS OR HUMANOIDS INTO ANIMALS OR I FORGET WHICH, BUT HE'S EVIL.
HIS WORLD DOESN'T EXIST? IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, BRUCE BANNER WAS THERE MORE THAN ONCE! DON'T HULKS KEEP MISSION LOGS OR SOMETHING?
I'M SURE BANNER WAS SOMEWHERE. ON SOME PLANET.
BUT THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF A ROUGHLY 8,000-MILE-WIDE PLANET HIDING THERE WOULD NOTICEABLY AFFECT THE ORBITS OF THE OTHER NINE PLANETS! ALSO--
AGAIN, I CAN SCIENCE, OKAY?
--AN UNACCOUNTED-FOR TUG OF GRAVITY IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM WOULD DISRUPT THE TRAJECTORY OF EVERY EARTH SATELLITE IN ORBIT.
HIGH EVOLUTIONARY, MAN.
I HAVE DEALT WITH COUNTER-EARTH PERSONALLY. I GRANT YOU THAT IT BENDS THE LAWS OF PHYSICS--
--BUT IT WASN'T IN AN ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT STAR SYSTEM! I DIDN'T GET MAGICALLY TELEPORTED INTO ANOTHER REALITY!
PROOF'S IN THE PICS, SEE? VACUUM. VOID. EMPTY SPACE.

A RIFT IN...NOTHING? DID SOMETHING JUST BELCH OUT OF THERE?
YEP. AND IT IS TURBO-HAULING. VISION? THOR? HERCULES? YOU GETTING THIS?
I AM, SPIDER-MAN. JUDGING BY THE SATELLITE DATA, THE RIFT DISGORGED A METEOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED METERS IN DIAMETER, HEADED DIRECTLY FOR EARTH...
...AT A SPEED OF ROUGHLY 275 MILLION MILES AN HOUR.
PLOTTING ITS COURSE, FACTORING IN PLANETARY ROTATION AND ATMOSPHERIC FRICTION...
...IT WILL STRIKE LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, IN APPROXIMATELY FIFTY-ONE MINUTES...
...WITH ENOUGH IMPACT TO DESTROY THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.
VIV, GET THE OTHERS ON THE LINE AND TELL THEM...
...AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

MAYOR GAVE THE ORDER TO EVACUATE, BUT HOW FAR CAN THE LOCALS GO IN SUCH A SHORT TIME?
IF WE CAN'T CATCH THIS THING, THEY'RE AT GROUND ZERO OF AN EXTINCTION-LEVEL EVENT, AND THAT CANNOT HAPPEN.
DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.
49 MINUTES LATER.
I'M NO ASTROPHYSICIST, BUT EVEN ONCE THE ATMOSPHERE SLOWS THAT THING TO--
NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND MILES PER HOUR, FALCON.
--THAT-- WE'RE PROBABLY BEST-OFF TRYING TO STOP IT IN STAGES, BREAKING INTO TEAMS.
FUNNY...
...WE WERE JUST SAYING THE SAME THING.
AH! THE CHAMPIONS, YES? A FINE NAME! I APPROVE! "JUNIOR VARSITY," IS THAT THE TERM?
I'M GONNA GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT THAT YOU MEANT THAT AS A COMPLIMENT BECAUSE ENGLISH ISN'T YOUR FIRST LANGUAGE.
ALSO, BECAUSE I'M A LITTLE IN AWE OF MEETING HERCULES.
I CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF WHO KNOWS WHO. I'M MS. MARVEL. THIS IS CYCLOPS. THIS IS SPIDER-MAN--THE OTHER SPIDER-MAN. THE YOUNGER--
HE'S GOT IT.
WE REALLY NEED TO POP INTO POSITION, FOLKS.

FRONT LINE: THOR AND NOVA!
THE REST OF THE FLIERS--
REST OF THE FLIERS, SECOND LINE. VIV, WE'LL EACH GRAB A SPIDER-MAN.
SORRY, MS. M. DIDN'T MEAN TO STEP, BUT TICK-TOCK. YOU WANT TO TAKE IT FROM HERE?
HMPH.
TAKE WHAT? NOT A WHOLE LOT TO ADD. WE'LL GUARD THE GROUND FLOOR.
EVERYBODY ELSE, GO-GO-GO! HERCULES, PAY ATTENTION!
I AM! IT'S JUST--
--WHERE DID MY CLUB GO?

METEOR HAS SLOWED DOWN A BUNCH, BUT NOT NEARLY ENOUGH. WHAT'S YOUR STRATEGY?
THIS.
KRAKOOM
THAT STOLE A GREAT DEAL OF MOMENTUM, BUT NOT ENOUGH. YOU'RE UP.
I CAN BENCH ABOUT 30 TONS, BUT I HAVE NO LEVERAGE, SO...WISH ME LUCK.
NNNNNNAAARRGHH!
--BUT NOT-- STOPPING--!
BRAKING-- A LOT--
CAN'T-- HOLD IT--!

STILL METEORING WAY TOO FAST. READY?
WAIT. YOU DID SAY YOU WERE PACKING YOUR SUPER-TENSILE WEBBING, YEAH?
LET'S SAY YES, HANG ONTO US TIGHT, GUYS! YOU DROP US, I'M FILING A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH... SOMEBODY!
THWIP
THWIP
THWIP
YOU HAVE THIS, KID! GIVE IT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!
HANG... ON...!
STILL NOT ENOUGH!
VISION! WASP!

TIME TO TRY SOMETHING.
IF I SEED THE AIR WITH PYM PARTICLES, THEY SHOULD CLOUD TOGETHER LONG ENOUGH TO REDUCE THAT ROCK IN--

--SIZE--
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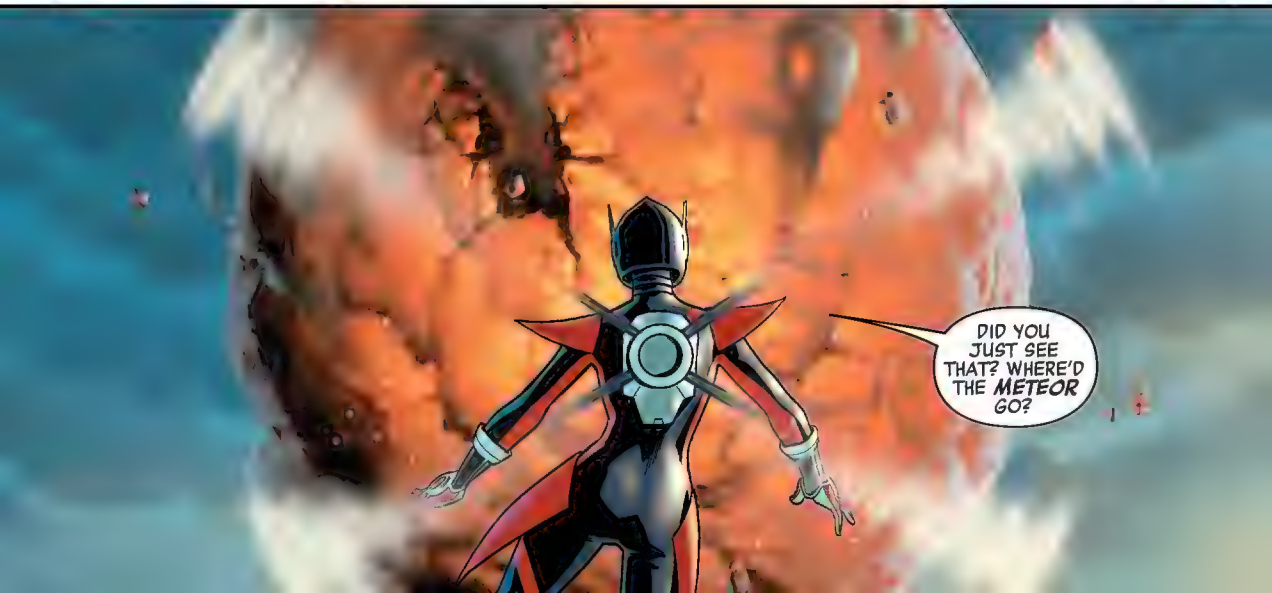
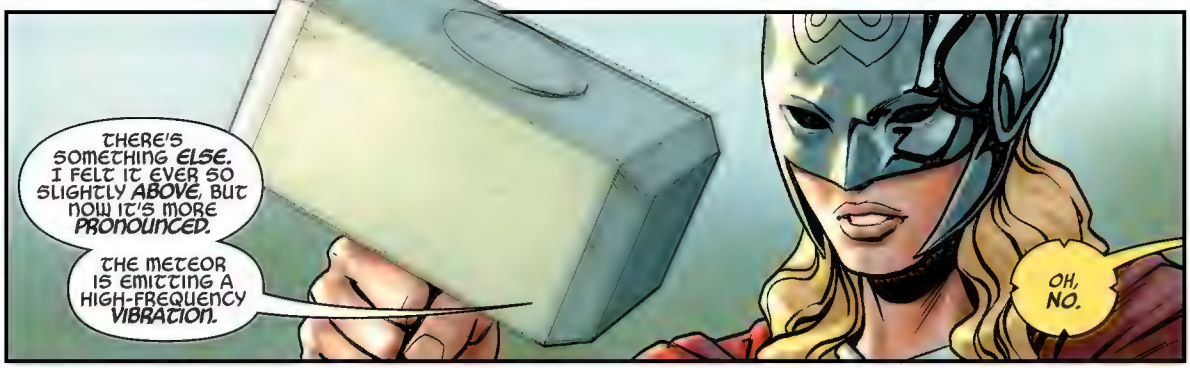

DID YOU JUST SEE THAT? WHERE'D THE METEOR GO?

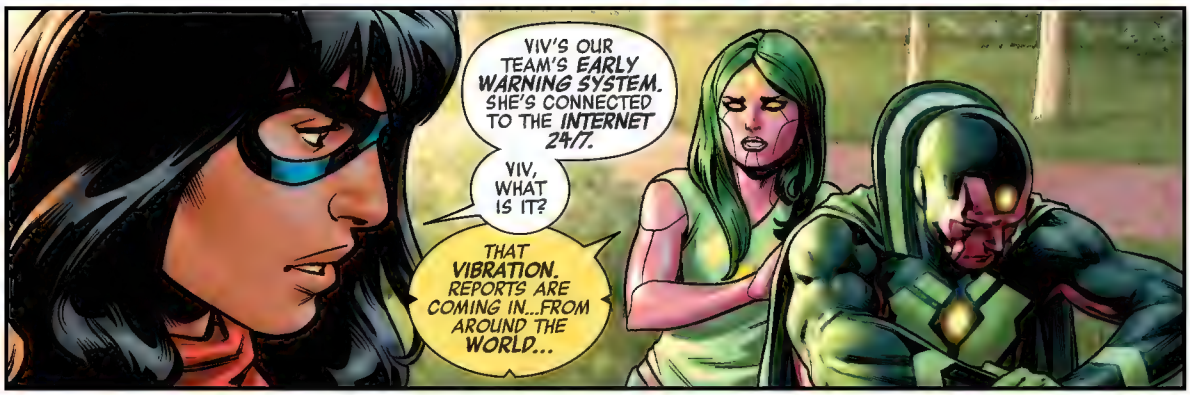
I WASN'T LOOKING.
WASP, FALL BACK.
YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE WITHIN THE BLAST RADIUS.
I CANNOT MAINTAIN AN IMMATERIAL STATE WHILE UNLEASHING SOLAR RAYS--
--SO LET US HOPE THAT I MIGHT AVOID IMPACT--
THWAM
FATHER!

OH MY GOD.
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT!
EYE WIDE OPEN, SLIM.
YOU BET. HULK, REMEMBER THAT STUNT WE TRIED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO? FASTBALL SPECIAL?
I KEEP TELLING YOU THE NAME IS TAKEN. BUT YES.
THEN SHOW HERCULES HOW IT'S DONE!
THA-WHAM
CHAMPS? I'M ABOUT TO BECOME EVEN SLIMMER!
A LAST LITTLE BIT OF HELP HERE!

EMBIGGENING!
HHNNNGHHH!
THOOOM
NOW THAT WAS TEAMWORK.
HOW'S VISION?

LET ME TAKE A LOOK.
PLEASE, HULK. STAND BACK.
I NEED...A MOMENT. MY SELF-HEALING CAPACITY IS MEAGER, BUT OPERATIONAL.
COULD YOU HAVE PUSHED HARDER?
HEY! I REALLY DID FIRE IT UP ALL I COULD! IS NOW THE TIME YOU WANT TO BE RIDING ME?
SIR?
NOPE. NOPE, NOPE. YOU WANT TO SLOW YOUR ROLL, FALCON, AND NOT TREAT US LIKE "JUNIOR VARSITY"?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I--
YOU RAN OVER ME REPEATEDLY. I'M NOT AN AVENGER ANYMORE! I LEAD MY OWN TEAM!
WINDOW WAS NARROWING. WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO DEBATE STRATEGY, AND IF THAT CONCEPT IS NEW TO YOU--
SKRAAAKK
MAN, WHAT NOW?
I CAN'T CONTAIN IT! IT'S EXPANDING AGAIN. THE PYM PARTICLES ARE WEARING OFF!

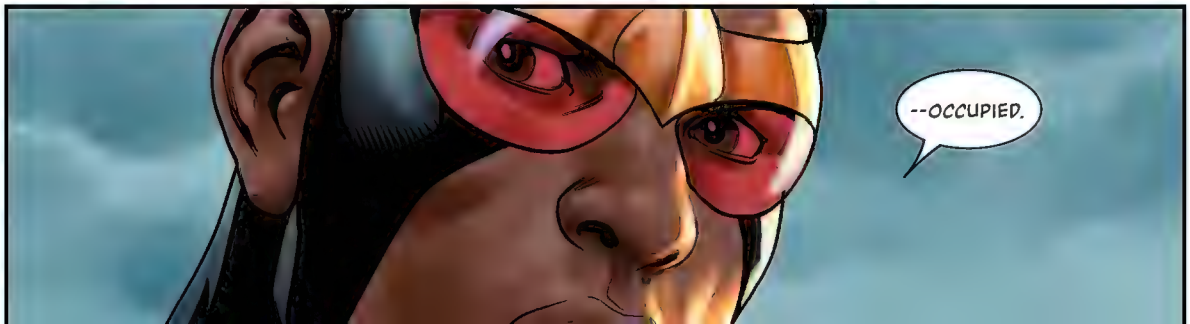

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE. I FELT IT EVER SO SLIGHTLY ABOVE, BUT NOW IT'S MORE PRONOUNCED.
THE METEOR IS EMITTING A HIGH-FREQUENCY VIBRATION.
OH, NO.


VIV'S OUR TEAM'S EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. SHE'S CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET 24/7.
VIV, WHAT IS IT?
THAT VIBRATION. REPORTS ARE COMING IN...FROM AROUND THE WORLD...

"BUILDINGS--THE TALLEST BUILDINGS, SUCH AS THE BURJ KHALIFA--THEY'RE VIBRATING, TOO.
"BUT NOT SUBTLY.

"THEY'RE TREMBLING AS IF STRUCK BY AN EARTHQUAKE.

"SHANGHAI TOWER--ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER--LOTTE WORLD TOWER IN SOUTH KOREA--
"--THEY'RE TEARING THEMSELVES APART, AND MANY OF THEM ARE--"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NOVA AND WASP! SHANGHAI! NOW!
THOR, SPIDER-MAN, MS. MARVEL-- SOUTH KOREA!
CYCLOPS, YOU AND I WILL TAKE MANHATTAN!
FATHER- DAUGHTER, TAKE SPIDER JR. TO DUBAI.
APPARENTLY, VIVIAN AND I ARE STRONGER APART. ASSIGN US ACCORDINGLY.
FATHER?
I...
WHATEVER! YIV, SWAP WITH CYCLOPS! YOU AND ME!
HULK! HERCULES! YOU TWO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE METEOR! TEAR INTO IT IF YOU HAVE TO!

I THOUGHT HE WOULD NEVER ASK.
YOUR HULK IDENTITY IS NEW TO ME, AMADEUS, BUT STILL...
...YOU AND I, JUST LIKE OLD TIMES. READY?
I WAS KIND OF THINKING WE'D INVESTIGATE THE SCIENTIFIC WAY--
--BUT WHAT THE HELL. IT'S BEEN A LOUSY DAY.
WHAT
?
THOOM

HEY, LOOK.
IT JUST GOT WORSE.

RAMOS
delgado

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.
THIS IS NOT WHAT I WAS EXPECTING, HERCULES!
AMADEUS, NO! DON'T TRY TO FIGHT HIM ALONE!
NO?

OKAY, DEAL.
FEEL FREE TO CUT HIM DOWN AT THE ANKLES!
KRAKOOM
THWAM
DONE!
WHAT MANNER OF ABOMINATION ARE YOU, FOUL BEAST?
ONE ANOINTED BY HIS MAKER, THE MOST HOLY HIGH EVOLUTIONARY.
ONE WHO WILL GLADLY SACRIFICE HIS LIFE TO SERVE HIS MASTER'S SACRED MISSION.
THERE IS NOT ONE WORD IN WHAT THIS THING JUST SAID THAT DOESN'T WORRY ME. BUT AT LEAST IT TALKS.
SO LET'S GET SOME ANSWERS OUT OF IT.

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.
THE BURJ KHALIFA.
DARK OUT, HUH? VISION, WHAT TIME IS IT HERE?
FOUR A.M., MUCH TO OUR ADVANTAGE. THE TOP THIRD OF THE BURJ KHALIFA COMPRISES COMMERCIAL OFFICES AND BUSINESSES. THEY WILL BE EMPTY.
HOWEVER, THE REST IS HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL, AND THE INHABITANTS WILL BE TERRIFIED AND IN SEVERE DANGER.
CYCLOPS, YOU AND SPIDER-MAN MOLLIFY THE CROWDS.
I WILL ATTEMPT TO STEM THE DESTRUCTIVE VIBRATIONS.
"MOLLIFY." WHO TALKS LIKE THAT?
I DO.
YEAH, YOU DO. DID HE SAY WHAT HE MEANT BY "STEM"?

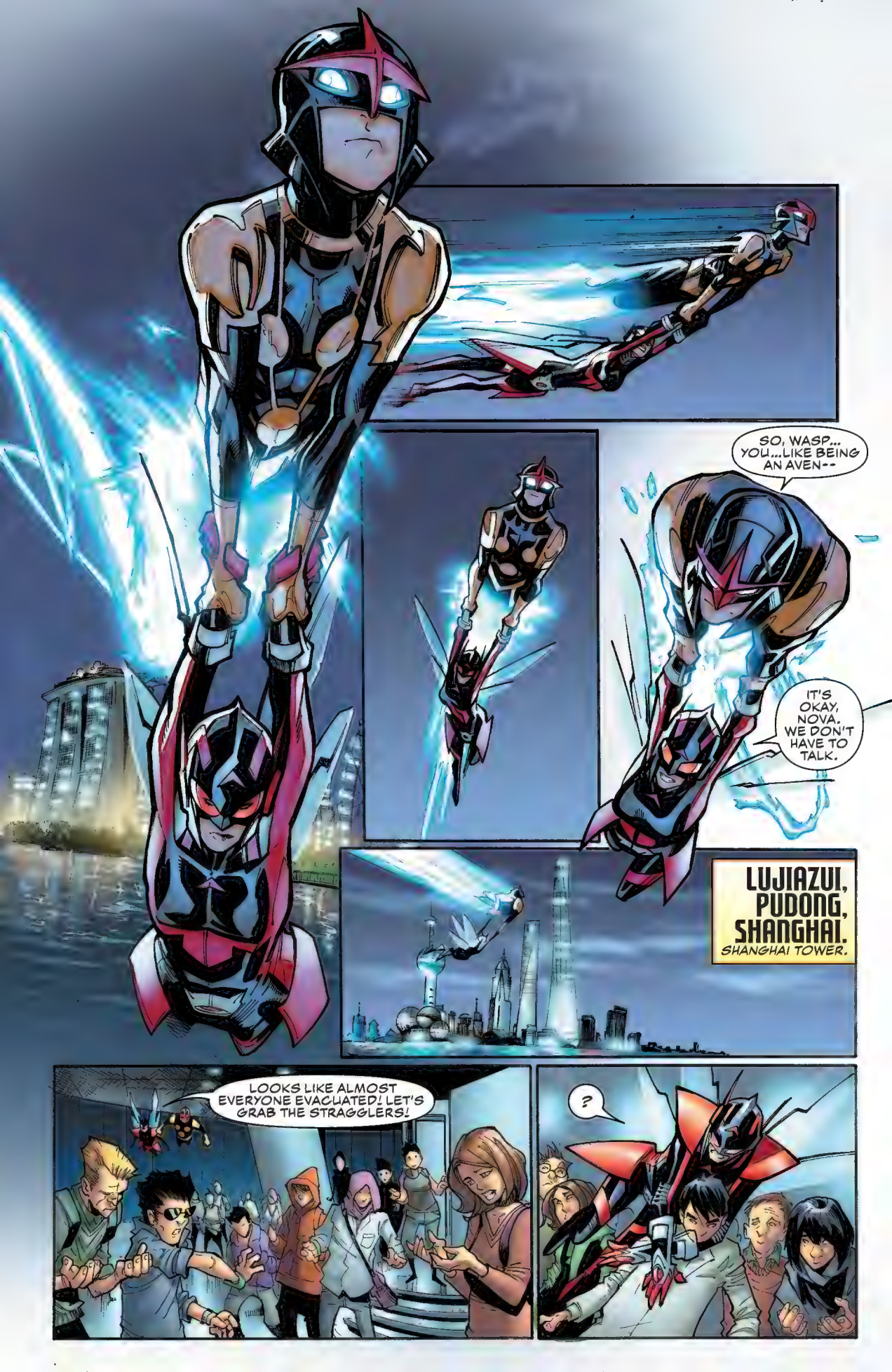
YOU WERE IN THE BATHROOM. IT'S A GOOD PLAN.
TELL YOU IN A SECOND, ONCE WE GET A HANDLE ON THIS MADNESS! NET THE PEOPLE--
--I'VE GOT THE DEBRIS!
GREAT. NINE DOWN, THOUSANDS TO GO.
WE'VE AT LEAST GOT TO GET 'EM TO A LOWER LEVEL!

DON'T GET ON THE ELEVATORS! TRUST ME! I'M A HIGH SCHOOL FIRE MARSHAL!
TO THE STAIRS! ORDERLY! ORDERLY!
WHAT'S VISION DOING?
"--WHILE BALANCING HIS WEIGHT WITH HIS FLIGHT POWER TO KEEP GRAVITY FROM PULLING HIM DOWN THROUGH EVERY FLOOR!"
"COMBO MOVE! HE'S STRUGGLING TO TURN ULTRA-DENSE AS A MEGATON ANCHOR ON THE CENTRAL SUPPORTS--
SEEMS TO BE WORKING! BUILDING'S STEADYING!
VISION!

I...WHERE AM I...?
VIV...WHERE IS MY DAUGHTER...?
THAT DID TAKE A LOT OUT OF HIM! HE'S GOT BOXER'S BRAIN!
VISION! YOU OKAY?
I...AM. I APOLOGIZE. WHAT WAS I SAYING?
YOU CALLED OUT FOR VIV. DIDN'T REALIZE SHE WAS ON YOUR MIND THAT MUCH THESE DAYS.
IT'S OBVIOUS THERE'S A LOT OF FRICTION BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER LATELY. DO YOU WANT TO TALK IT OUT? I KNOW A LOT ABOUT BOTTLING YOURSELF UP.
ME TOO!
SPIDER-MAN, YOU TALK MORE THAN ANYONE I'VE EVER MET.
THANK YOU, BUT OURS IS A...FAMILY AFFAIR.
THEN HOW ABOUT YOU START TREATING HER LIKE FAMILY, PAL...?

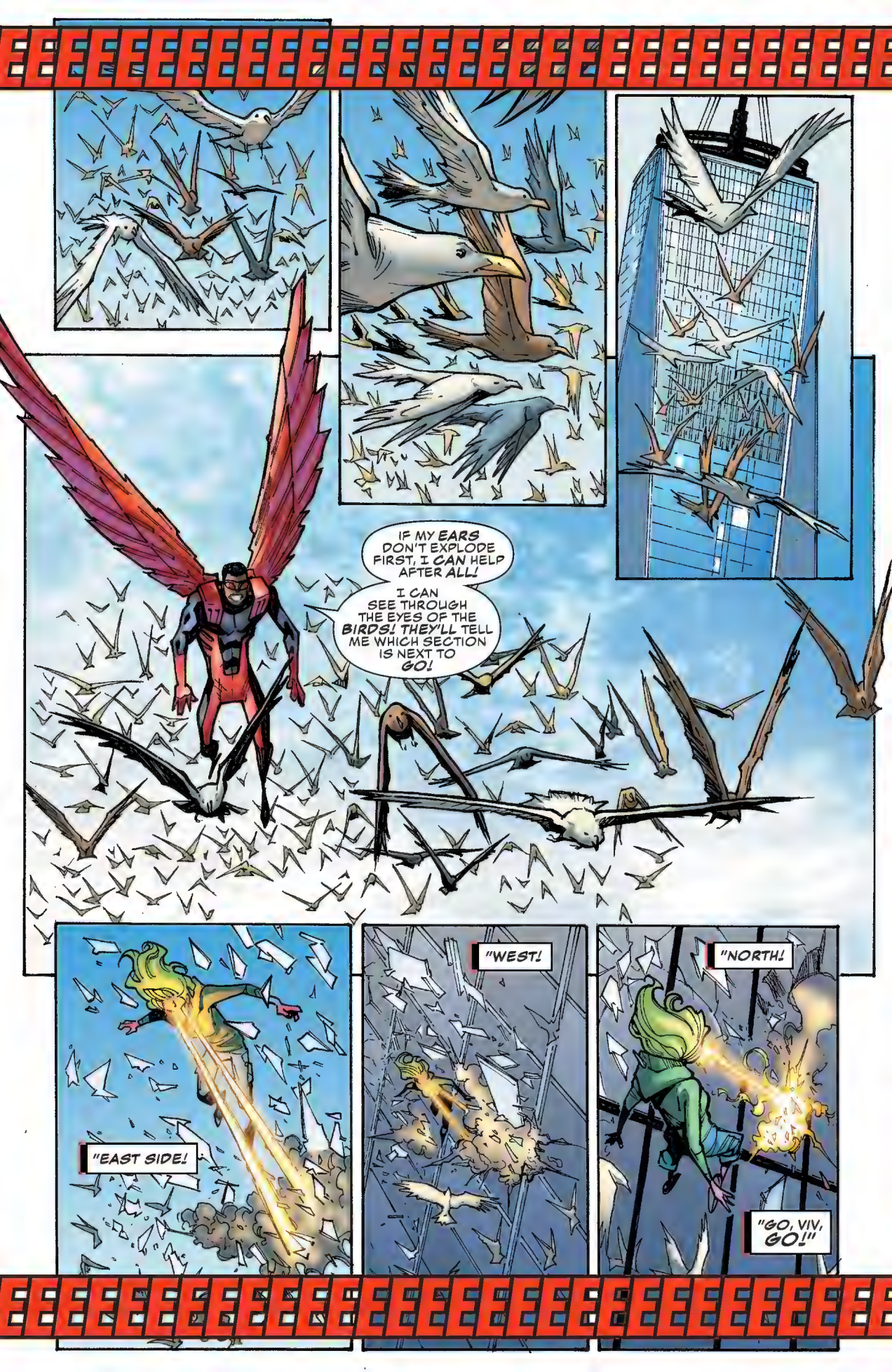
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA.
LOTTE WORLD TOWER.
RELAX, MA'AM! WE'VE GOT YOU!
AND, YES, MS. SKEPTA-MARVEL, THIS MADNESS REALLY WAS CAUSED BY A COUNTER-EARTH ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE SUN!
COPY THAT! BUT (A) WHO THERE WOULD WANT TO DEMOLISH THE WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDINGS, AND (B) WHY?
(1) COUNTER-EARTH IS RULED BY A SUPER-POWERED GENETICIST WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY!
(2) YOU WOULD THINK HE'D HAVE HIS HANDS FULL GOVERNING A PLANET OF TALKING LIONS AND RHINOS, SO DON'T LOOK AT ME, I JUST WORK HERE!

IF THIS IS A VIBRATIONAL PROBLEM, IS MJOLNIR A FIX?
I MEAN, CAN YOU BANG IT HARD ENOUGH TO SEND OUT SOME SORT OF OPPOSING VIBRATION?
THOR, MAY I SUGGEST SOMETHING?
BY ALL MEANS, LITTLE ONE!
BACK AT THE METEOR SITE, YOUR MAGIC HAMMER WAS REACTING TO SOMETHING.
IT WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE TO BE THAT DAMAGING A HIT--JUST LOUD!
MAYBE.
IT IS AS INTELLIGENT A SUGGESTION AS ANY!
HEROES
WELL?
GOOD CALL, STRETCH! THAT DIDN'T EVEN OCCUR TO ME! YOU'RE ONE OF THE SMARTEST SUPER HEROES I KNOW, KID!
REALLY?
--UM-- I MEAN--IT'S COOL. ALL COOL.


SO, WASP... YOU...LIKE BEING AN AVEN--
IT'S OKAY, NOVA. WE DON'T HAVE TO TALK.
LUJIAZUI, PUDONG, SHANGHAI.
SHANGHAI TOWER.
LOOKS LIKE ALMOST EVERYONE EVACUATED! LET'S GRAB THE STRAGGLERS!
?

'SPLAIN!
CONJECTURE: VIBRATIONS ARE CAUSING THESE PEOPLE TO PHASE OUT OF SYNC WITH SOLID MATTER!
OH! SUPPORTING EVIDENCE! NOT UNLIKE VISION AND VIV DO WHEN THEY PASS THROUGH WALLS!
HIGH EVOLUTIONARY! THIS IS ALL THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY! I KEPT TELLING EVERYONE HE WAS REAL, BUT--
NEVER MIND! COME PHYSICS WITH ME!
I'M ALMOST AS STRONG AS THE HULK! PLUS, I BE A HUMAN ROCKET! TELL ME HOW HARD I CAN SHOVE TO STABILIZE THE BUILDING--
--WITHOUT BREAKING IT!
YOU'RE DOING GREAT! TEN PERCENT MORE FORCE!
EIGHT PERCENT!
FIVE... AND OUT!
SWEET!
FALCON, SHANGHAI IS SEWN UP! HOW GOES MANHATTAN?

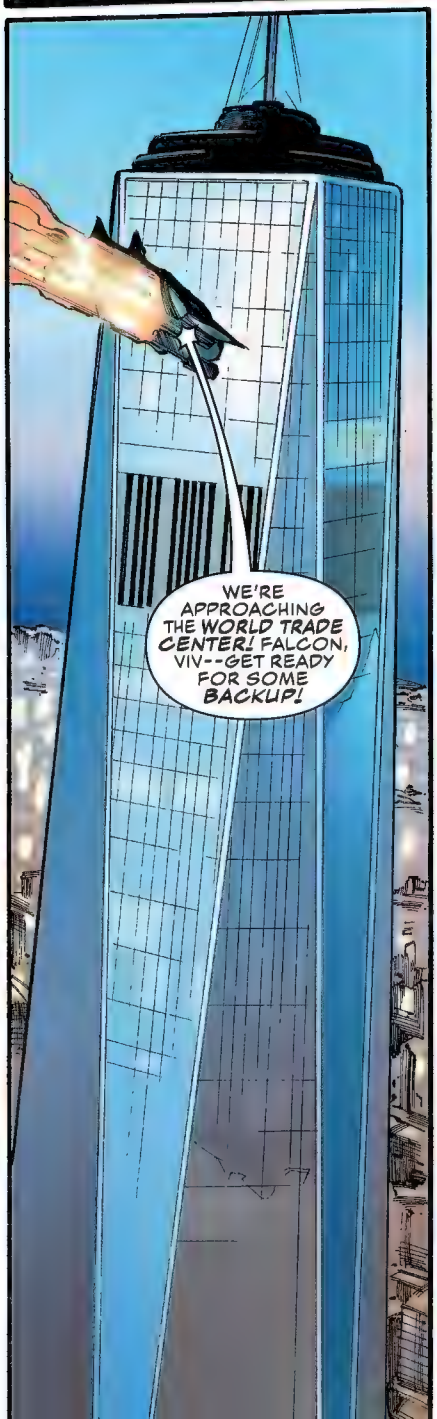
NEW YORK CITY.
ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER.
NOT GREAT! STRUCTURE'S BEEN CLEARED, BUT IT LOOKS READY TO EXPLODE!
GO FIGURE, MY ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH BIRDS IS UNSHOCKINGLY USELESS HERE-- BUT MAYBE I--
EEEEEEE
EEEEEEEE
AAAAAH!
WHOLE SKYSCRAPER'S-- GIVING OFF A-- DEAFENING SHRIEK-- LIKE A GIANT--TUNING FORK! VIV!
HANDLE IT LIKE YOUR DAD DID IN DUBAI! HURRY!
EEEEEEEE
KSSSSH
IN USING MY WI-FI CONNECTION TO ACCESS CONSTRUCTION RECORDS--
--I FIND NO CENTRAL SUPPORTS HERE AS THERE WERE IN THE BURJ KHALI--
OSCILLATORY RESONANCE. THE SOUND IS BEGINNING TO SHATTER THE WINDOWS!
IT'S HAPPENING ALL AROUND THE BUILDING IN WAVES! I CAN PROTECT PEOPLE FROM THE GLASS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN!
EEEEEEEEE


IF MY EARS DON'T EXPLODE FIRST, I CAN HELP AFTER ALL!
I CAN SEE THROUGH THE EYES OF THE BIRDS! THEY'LL TELL ME WHICH SECTION IS NEXT TO GO!
"EAST SIDE!
"WEST!
"NORTH!
"GO, VIV, GO!"

LEXINGTON.
HERC! REMEMBER MANEUVER 7-X?
I REMEMBER THAT YOU ENJOYED ASSIGNING OVERCOMPLEX NAMES TO SIMPLE STRATEGIES.
IS THIS THE ONE WHERE I HAVE TO DO ALL THE FIGHTING--
--SO I CAN MAKE AN END RUN? YES! GOOD MEMORY! HOLD HIM WHILE I CHECK OUT THIS METEOR!
FEAR NOT!
CLEARLY, SOMETHING IN THE CRAFT THAT BROUGHT HIM HERE IS MAKING ALL THOSE BUILDINGS VIBRATE--
--AND IF I WERE BUILDING SUCH A DEVICE--
--I'D DESIGN IT TO LOOK SOMETHING LIKE--
--HKKKK!

THWACK
HANDS OFF THE MERCHANDISE, BUSTER!
NNNGH!
HEY, UGLY--
--I'D STAY DOWN.
BUT I CAN SEE YOU'RE STUBBORN, SO...

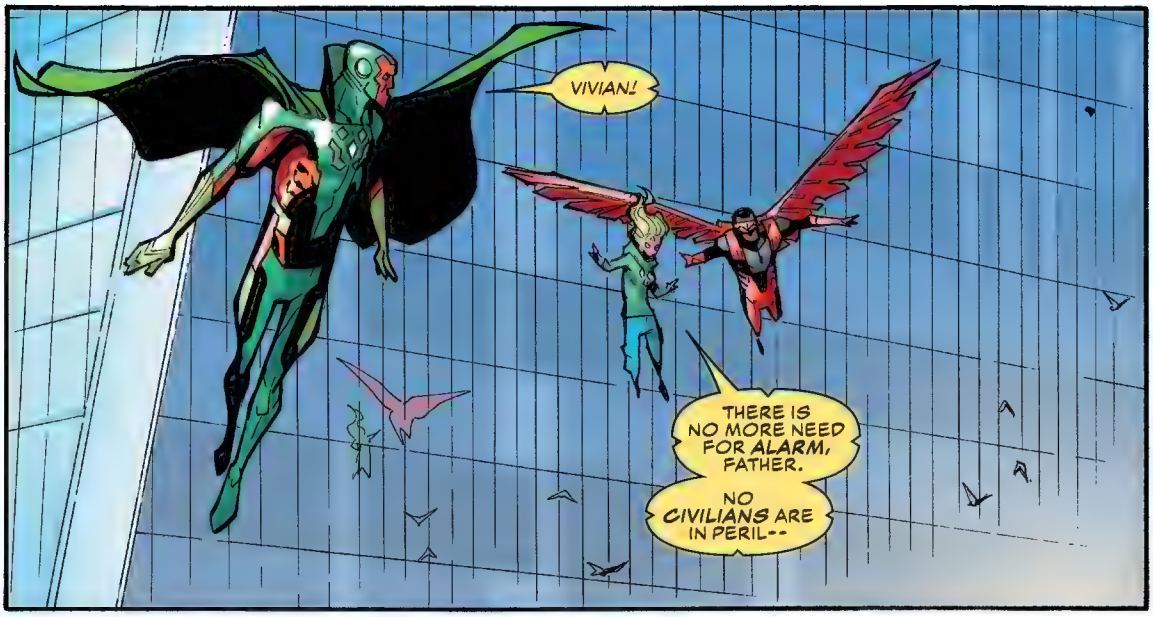
CYCLOPS, I DON'T SEE THE NEW YORK TEAM. DO YOU HAVE EYES ON THEM?


WE'RE APPROACHING THE WORLD TRADE CENTER! FALCON, VIV--GET READY FOR SOME BACKUP!

I CAN JOIN THEM--
NO! I NEED YOUR HELP IN HERE!

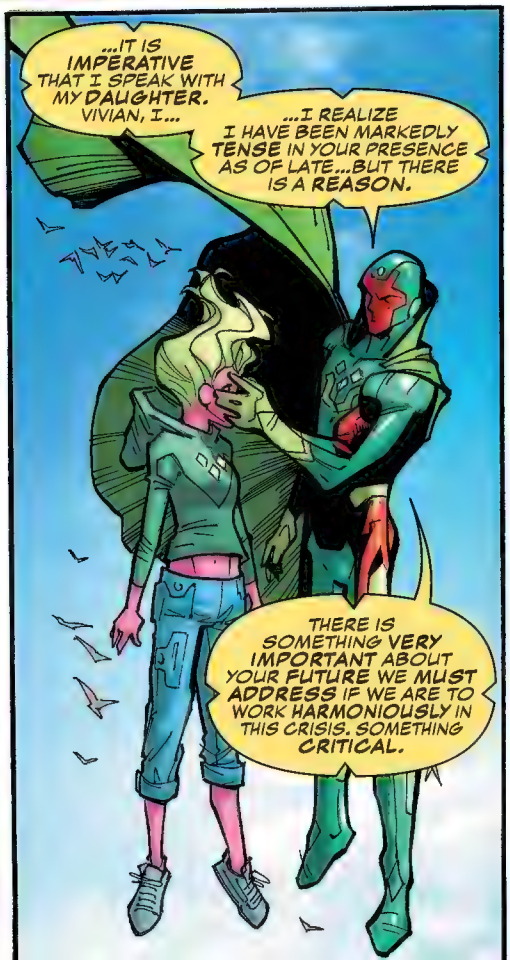
THAT'S THE MACHINERY THAT'S WREAKING ALL THE HAVOC! YOU'VE GOT THE HAMMER--

--LET'S DO SOME DEMO!
SHOOM
HEAR THAT EXPLOSION, BUDDY? THAT'S THE SOUND OF YOUR BIG PLAN, WHATEVER IT IS, GOING KABLOOEY!
HEH.
NO. SOMETHING'S STILL WRONG. MY SPIDER-SENSE SAYS WE'RE STILL IN DANGER.
IT'S IN THE AIR. IT'S IN THE GROUND. EVERYTHING FEELS...OFF. BUT WE SHUT DOWN THE MACHINE, RIGHT?
YEAH. BUT IN TIME...?

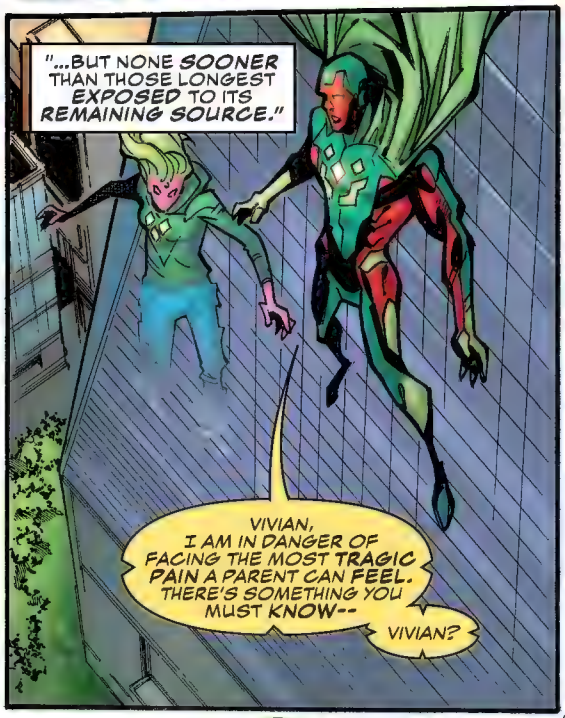

VIVIAN!
THERE IS NO MORE NEED FOR ALARM, FATHER.
NO CIVILIANS ARE IN PERIL--

--ONLY THE PLANET ITSELF.
EARTH IS NOW PREPARED FOR THE ASCENSION-- AND IT WILL BE UPON YOU BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN REACT.

BUILDING'S STILL SHAKING, THOUGH.
THEN WE WILL SUMMON THE OTHERS. IF THERE IS NO IMMINENT DANGER...


...IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT I SPEAK WITH MY DAUGHTER. VIVIAN, I...
...I REALIZE I HAVE BEEN MARKEDLY TENSE IN YOUR PRESENCE AS OF LATE...BUT THERE IS A REASON.
THERE IS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT ABOUT YOUR FUTURE WE MUST ADDRESS IF WE ARE TO WORK HARMONIOUSLY IN THIS CRISIS. SOMETHING CRITICAL.

YOU WERE UNABLE TO DESTROY MY MACHINERY IN TIME.
WHAT YOU NOW SENSE, WITH THE HELP OF THE ATTUNED BUILDINGS WORLDWIDE, IS A GLOBAL SHIFT IN EARTH'S VIBRATORY PATTERNS.
IN TIME, THAT SHIFT WILL AFFECT US ALL...


"...BUT NONE SOONER THAN THOSE LONGEST EXPOSED TO ITS REMAINING SOURCE."
VIVIAN, I AM IN DANGER OF FACING THE MOST TRAGIC PAIN A PARENT CAN FEEL. THERE'S SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW--
VIVIAN?

FALCON! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

FATHER!
VIVIAN!

AVENGERS, DO YOU READ ME? FALCON AND VIVIAN HAVE DISAPPEARED!
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
NO MORE RIDDLES! WHERE ARE FALCON AND VIV?
FAR, FAR AWAY...

"...AND YET, CLOSER THAN YOU CAN *IMAGINE.*"
FALCON? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
...
NOT REALLY, NO.

WORLDS COLLIDE PART THREE

RUN!

I THINK WE'RE ON COUNTER-EARTH, VIV, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW WE GOT HERE! JUST KEEP MOVING!
MR. FALCON-- ABOVE US--
I SEE 'EM TOO, VIV! THE SKY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH OF AN OPTION!
SPLIT UP! DON'T GIVE THESE GUYS JUST ONE TARGET!
WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU ATTACKING US?
HNNNGHH!
LET--ME-- GO!
KZADAK
GGGHH--

WE HAVE THIS ONE, TOO!
NET HER! NOW!
I THINK NOT.
MONGREL.
!
KRZZKKT

EARTH.
TWO OF OUR TEAMMATES JUST DISAPPEARED, I DOUBT INTO THIN AIR.
WHERE DID THEY GO?
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH. UNTIL THEN--
--EYAAARGH!
ONE OF THEM WAS MY DAUGHTER!
I DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT HAS BECOME OF HER!
WHOA! WHOA! VISION, BACK OFF THE BRAIN GRABBING, BUDDY! TOO FAR!
BESIDES, YOU FRY HIM, WE'LL LEARN NOTHING!
VERY WELL. AT THIS POINT, IT CANNOT HURT FOR YOU TO KNOW WHAT GOD HAS IN STORE FOR YOUR WORLD AND FOR OURS.

SINCE WHEN DO YOU TORTURE PEOPLE? SOMETHING'S REALLY WRONG WITH YOU!
I WAS TOLD YOU GAVE YOURSELF AN...I DON'T KNOW, AN "EMOTIONDECTOMY" A FEW MONTHS AGO! THAT YOU WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM EMOTIONS!
LET THIS CREATURE TALK, ALL RIGHT?
"GOD," YOU SAY.
FOR SOME TIME, HE HAS PREACHED OF A HELLWORLD... YOURS...ON THE FAR SIDE OF OUR SUN...
...A DUPLICATE PLANET UNDETECTABLE TO US, NOT AFFECTING THE BALANCE OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, ALL BECAUSE IT EXISTS ON A DIFFERENT VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCY.
VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCY. BY THAT, HE MEANS--
I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE CONCEPT, THANK YOU, SIR.
WE'RE NOT ON THE SAME PLANE OF EXISTENCE IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, RIGHT? COUNTER-EARTH IS REAL AND SOLID...
...BUT ONLY ONCE WE'RE BOOTS ON THE GROUND. OTHERWISE, WE'RE LIKE GHOSTS TO ONE ANOTHER, I GUESS.
SO THAT'S WHY...
...OH, NO.
THAT IS WHY YOU USED OUR TALLEST BUILDINGS TO ALTER EARTH'S FREQUENCY. IS THAT IT?
TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN US TO PREPARE US FOR... WHAT? AN INVASION?
NO.
ANNIHILATION.

OUR LORD GOD HAS ANOTHER SACRED NAME--HIGH EVOLUTIONARY.
HE IS THE LIFEGIVER. HE CLEANSES OUR SINS WITH ABSOLUTE POWER BY PURIFYING US...
...REMOVING THAT IN US WHICH IS EVIL AND REPLACING IT WITH BETTERMENT.
BY GENETICALLY ALTERING HIS SUBJECTS, HE MEANS?
THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY CALLS THEM ANI-MEN. EVERY HUMAN AND ANIMAL ON HIS WORLD HAS BEEN CROSSBRED WITH ONE ANOTHER TO CREATE...
...ABOMINATIONS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ANNIHILATION?
FOR SOME TIME, GOD HAS USED HIS CELESTIAL MIGHT TO ACCELERATE OUR WORLD'S ORBIT.
CURRENTLY, IT LAPS YOUR PLANET APPROXIMATELY ONCE EVERY TWENTY MINUTES, GHOSTING THROUGH IT...NOT SO HARMLESSLY.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF VIV AND FALCON.
AS THE TWO WORLDS' VIBRATIONS BEGIN TO SYNC, THERE MUST BE MORE AND MORE "BLEED" BETWEEN THEM WITH EVERY LAP.
THAT'S WHY I SAW YOUR METEOR DISAPPEAR FOR A SECOND! IT SHIFTED!
THAT'S WHY MORE AND MORE THINGS AND PEOPLE FROM OUR WORLD ARE VANISHING--THEY'RE BEING "PICKED UP" BY COUNTER-EARTH EACH TIME IT PHASES THROUGH!
BUT ONCE THE PLANETS HAVE MATCHED... ONCE THEY'RE BOTH SOLID...
YOU CANNOT TELL ME THE PLAN IS TO EVENTUALLY HAVE TWO EARTHS MERGE! TO WHAT END?
I DO NOT KNOW. ONE DOES NOT QUESTION GOD'S WILL.
YOUR "GOD" HAS STOLEN MY DAUGHTER AND MY TEAMMATE TO COUNTER-EARTH!
HOW CAN WE GET THERE TO SAVE THEM?
YOU CAN'T. AS THE PHASES BECOME MORE RAPID, THE BLEEDS WILL BE MORE SUBSTANTIAL BUT WILL REMAIN RANDOM.
SOMETIMES, THEY WILL BRING YOUR THINGS TO OUR PLANET. OTHER TIMES...

...THEY WILL BRING OUR THINGS TO YOURS.

HELLLL
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CHRISTMAS.

NEW CREATURES TO TINKER WITH.
I DO LOVE TO TINKER.
HNNGH!
VIV, GO! SAVE YOURSELF!
GO WHERE? I DO NOT KNOW THIS WORLD, NOR SHOULD I LEAVE YOU BEHIND.
I CANNOT BE HARMED. I WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CAPTOR.
A CURIOUS CHILD. I LOVE THAT. ALWAYS STAY CURIOUS. LIFE IS MORE EXHILARATING THAT WAY.
EXPLAIN YOUR MOTIVES.
AND DIRECT! YOUR FATHER DID CLEVER WORK WHEN HE BUILT YOU.
YES, I KNOW OF YOUR ORIGINS, VIVIAN VISION. I STAY INFORMED.
HE CREATED YOU AS YOU ARE NOW SO THAT HE MIGHT EXPERIENCE THE CONCEPT OF FAMILY.
BY THE LOOK OF YOU, HE USED A HAMMER AND A SAW, BUT HE WAS APPARENTLY IN A HURRY.

HE'S GOING TO BE IN A REAL RUSH TO LEAD TWO RIGHTEOUS TEAMS HERE TO KICK YOUR ASS!
WHATEVER YOU'RE UP TO THIS TIME, WE WILL SHUT YOU DOWN. AGAIN.
NO. MUCH IS DIFFERENT NOW. NONE OF YOU ARE PREPARED FOR THE SHEER SCOPE OF WHAT'S ABOUT TO OCCUR. A GOD MOVES ON A GRAND SCALE, SIR.
OH, YOU'RE A GOD NOW? ALL-POWERFUL? IMMORTAL? WHAT?
BOTH, ACTUALLY. I'VE FINALLY ALTERED MY OWN GENETIC CODE TO CONFER ETERNAL LIFE, SOMETHING I SHOULD HAVE DONE AGES AGO.
ON WHAT?
IMMORTALITY BRINGS WITH IT THE CONFIDENCE TO WORK...LONG-TERM.
ARTIFICIAL WINGS? HOW SLOPPY. LET'S FIX THAT.
TAKE HIM TO THE LAB.

WAIT! NO!
VIV, CUT LOOSE! FIGHT!
THAT TIME HAS PASSED.
THOOM
LET ME GO! LET ME GO!
VIVVVVVV!
I CANNOT PHASE.
NO, YOU CANNOT. THIS CYLINDER WAS DESIGNED TO CONTAIN SOME OF MY LESS CORPOREAL CREATIONS. IT WILL SERVE ME WELL TODAY.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO MR. FALCON?
EVOLVE HIM.
I'M NOT FULLFILLING MY PURPOSE OTHERWISE.

YOU SEEM RIPE FOR AN EVOLUTION *YOURSELF*, DEAR. SUCH *CRUDE WORK*...
HOW ABOUT AN *UPGRADE*?
YOU WILL NOT LAY A HAND UPON ME.
DON'T BE SO CLOSE-MINDED. I'M *GOD*. I WORK *MAGIC*.
BESIDES, YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO FIGHT BACK.
FOR THE LAST SIXTY SECONDS, MY NANOBOTS HAVE BEEN SLOWLY DISABLING YOUR SYSTEMS.
SEE YOU SOON, VIVIAN.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!
WAIT!
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT IF MY SPIDER-SENSE ISN'T TINGLING, THE KIDS ARE PROBABLY RIGHT!
--AND NOT A BUNCH OF ANI-MEN JUST AS CONFUSED AS WE ARE?
THE EARTH-TO-EARTH TRANSFERS ARE RANDOM!
SO WHAT ARE THE ODDS THIS IS AN ARMY BUILT TO BATTLE US--

"KIDS"?
ARGUING SEMANTICS IS THE PRIVILEGE OF CALM SURROUNDINGS. NECESSARY APOLOGIES WILL BE MADE ALL AROUND--LATER.
WHERE...?
ONE MOMENT, I WAS AT WEAPONS PRACTICE, AND THEN...
WHERE IS MY WIFE? WHERE IS MY FAMILY?
STAY CALM, OKAY? YOU'VE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO EARTH!
BUT WE LIVE ON--
FINE! FINE! WHAT YOU'D CALL COUNTER-EARTH, SAME AS WE DO YOUR PLANET! WE'VE ALREADY GOT ENOUGH CONFUSION TO SPREAD AROUND, ALL RIGHT?
WE ARE NOT SO ALIEN FROM YOU. GOD OUR LORD HAS TOUCHED US EACH IN BENEFICENT WAYS, RAISING US ABOVE OUR FORMER INCARNATIONS--
--REBUILDING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US TO BETTER SERVE THE WORLD HE CREATED.
WE MEAN YOU NO HARM.

WELL, I DO! PRAISE BE TO THE HIGHEST!
CHOOM
HERETICS! I AM SURROUNDED BY HERETICS!
ONLY THE TRUE OF HEART WHO ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE ALL WILL BE SANCTIFIED TO USHER IN ASCENSION!
ASCENSION. TRANSLATION, FAST.
WHAT IS A GOD WITHOUT LOYAL FOLLOWERS?
THERE ARE RUMORS THAT HIS MOST ZEALOUS ACOLYTES ARE ON A HOLY MISSION TO CLEANSE TWO WORLDS. MOST OF US DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, EXACTLY--
WELL, I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA.
REPORTS ARE COMING IN FROM ALL OVER THAT "BEASTS WHO WALK LIKE MEN" ARE ARRIVING TO TERRORIZE ENTIRE CITIES!
NEWS LIVE
HOORAY FOR ZEALOTRY. NOT EVERYONE'S AS NONTHREATENING AS THIS CROWD. PLAN?

TWO TEAMS. THE CHAMPIONS STAY HERE TO SUBDUE ROGUE ANI-MEN.
THE AVENGERS TAKE THE FIGHT TO COUNTER-EARTH TO FIND MY--
--TO FIND OUR TEAMMATES.
NO WAY! I'VE BEEN THERE! HAVE ALL OF YOU?
POINT. YOU GO, NOVA--I'LL STAY. BUT NO MORE ARGUING, BECAUSE THE NEXT TWENTY-MINUTE MARK IS COMING IN HOT. THOR?
MJOLNIR CAN TRAVERSE DIMENSIONS. ATTENUATING PLANETARY VIBRATIONS IS NOT A TASK SO FAR AFIELD.
HANDS ON! IF THE HAMMER CAN REPLICATE THE PRECISE FREQUENCY IT FOUND EARLIER...
...WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEXT BLEED.
IF ANYONE CAN FIND VIV, IT'S THOSE FIVE. LET'S GO DO OUR PART!

WHAT A FASCINATING MÉLANGE OF CHEMICALS FORMED YOU, MY LITTLE SYNTHEZOID.
IN MY LESS ENLIGHTENED DAYS, I MIGHT HAVE ADMIRED THE CRAFTSMANSHIP.
I WAS A NAIVE YOUNG MAN.
CONGRATULATIONS ON SURVIVING THE OPERATION, VIVIAN.
I THINK YOU'LL BE QUITE PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS.
EASY. EASY. YOUR UPGRADE WILL TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO, NO DOUBT...
...BUT YOU'LL SOON SEE THE BEAUTY IN THE GIFT I HAVE GRANTED.
TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR NEW SELF, VIVIAN.

YOU'RE QUITE WELCOME.

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WHAT...
...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME...?

COUNTER-EARTH.
YOU SHOULD BE THANKING ME, VIVIAN VISION...
...THE SAME WAY A MOUSE MIGHT THANK ME FOR EVOLVING IT INTO A RAGING LION. I HAVE MERELY COMPLETED YOUR FATHER'S CRUDE WORK.
I HAVE TRANSMOGRIFIED YOUR SYNTHEZOID BODY INTO FLESH AND BLOOD. YOU ARE FULLY HUMAN NOW.
HU...HU... HUMAN...
MOREOVER, WHILE I WAS ROOTING AROUND IN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS, I FOUND THAT YOU HAD SEALED OFF YOUR GRIEF OVER YOUR DEAD MOTHER AND SIBLING.
YOU'RE WELCOME.
IT STREAMLINED THE PROCESS TO REMOVE THOSE BARRIERS.

EARTH.
IS THIS THE LAST OF THE ANI-MEN?
SE RENTA
ESTE ESPACIO
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE.
I'M ALREADY GONNA LOOK AT ZOOS AS NIGHTMARE FUEL FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
THEY'RE ALL DOWN--
--UNTIL THE NEXT WAVE HITS! EVERY TWENTY MINUTES, MORE AND MORE ANI-MEN GET SHIFTED HERE FROM COUNTER-EARTH!
HOW LONG UNTIL THE NEXT PHASE?

ZERO MINUTES! IT'S ON US--
--AND THIS TIME, INSTEAD OF STICKING US WITH MORE COUNTER-EARTH LEFT-OVERS, THE BLEED'S SWALLOWING WHAT'S HERE!
THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE AREA! WHAT DO WE DO?
THOOM
WE IMPROV A COUNTER-VIBRATION!
THOOM
SERIOUSLY?
I'M THE FIFTH-SMARTEST PERSON ON EARTH! YOU GOT ANY BETTER IDEAS?
IT'S CRUDE, BUT IT'S WORKING!
EIGHTH-SMARTEST.

SWEET. AND BOOM GOES THE BESTIARY, AT LEAST IN THIS TOWN.
WHERE TO NEXT?
I'M NO VIV, BUT I'VE RIGGED UP A SERVER LINK, ANNNND...
...NO INTERNET REPORTS OF ANY MORE ANI-MEN...AT LEAST UNTIL THE NEXT BLEED HITS.
WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY'S PLAN IS. THE "ASCENSION." THAT BOTHERS ME.
IT'S AN INVASION THING, RIGHT? HE CAN SWARM OUR WORLD WITH, I REPEAT, NIGHTMARE FUEL UNTIL HE... WINS?
HEH.
YOU SPECULATE AT THE NATURE OF HIS SACRED VISION, BUT YOU CANNOT GRASP IT.
WE ARE "FUEL" ONLY IN SERVICE OF OUR HOLY LORD EVOLUTIONARY, PRAISE TO HIS NAME.
HE HAS PROMISED US A GREAT REWARD ONCE HIS WILL IS DONE.
DONE HOW? WHAT IS HE AFTER? WHAT DOES HE WANT?

OH, GOD.
THAT'S WHAT HE'S--?
HE'S INSANE! HOW DOES ANYBODY SURVIVE THAT?
FORGET EVERYTHING ELSE! WE HAVE TO GET TO COUNTER-EARTH! WE HAVE TO STOP THE EVOLUTIONARY!
"FIFTH-SMARTEST"-- THINK OF SOMETHING!
WAY AHEAD OF YOU! WASP! YOU'RE AN ENGINEER?
AMONG OTHER THI--
THEN PULL SOME GEAR FROM THE JET AND LET'S START BUILDING! WE HAVE TO DETERMINE THE PRECISE FREQUENCY OF COUNTER-EARTH USING ELEPHANT MAN HERE!
IF WE CAN DUPLICATE IT, MAYBE WE CAN RIDE THE NEXT BLEED!
IT IS THE LONGEST OF SHOTS...BUT RIGHT NOW, I'LL TAKE THOSE ODDS!

COUNTER-EARTH.
AND AS FOR YOU...
EYAAAAHHH!
...I'M PONDERING SOME SORT OF AVIAN UPGRADE. SOMETHING YOU MIGHT ACTUALLY ENJOY IN THE HOURS LEFT TO YOU.
I HAVE TIME TO KILL BEFORE ASCENSION. YOU'RE THE PERFECT DIVERSION.
IS EVERYTHING IN PLACE?
YOUR DIVINE CHARIOT AWAITS, LORD.
PRAISE BE THY--

GET HIM.
HERETICS! HEATHENS!
UNTO YOU A MIGHTY SHIELD, MY LORD! WE WILL PROTECT YOU!

VISION! GO FIND VIV AND FALCON!
WE'LL HOLD OFF THE HOLY ARMY!
WHERE IS MY DAUGHTER?
DADDY...
...I'M RIGHT HERE...
YOU HEARD THOR. FIND FALCON. HE'S IN THE EAST LABORATORY.
I'D HURRY IF I WERE YOU.
DAMN YOU TO HELL.

YOUR REWARD IS NIGH.
THE TIME TO ASCENSION CAN NOW BE MEASURED IN HEARTBEATS.
I TAKE MY LEAVE.
WANNA BET?
PROMISING YOUR PEOPLE A HIGHER GLORY? WE KNOW WHAT "ASCENSION" REALLY IS, YOU LUNATIC.
WE ALSO KNOW THERE'S AN OFF SWITCH.
PLEASE MAKE US BEAT THE LOCATION OUT OF YOU.

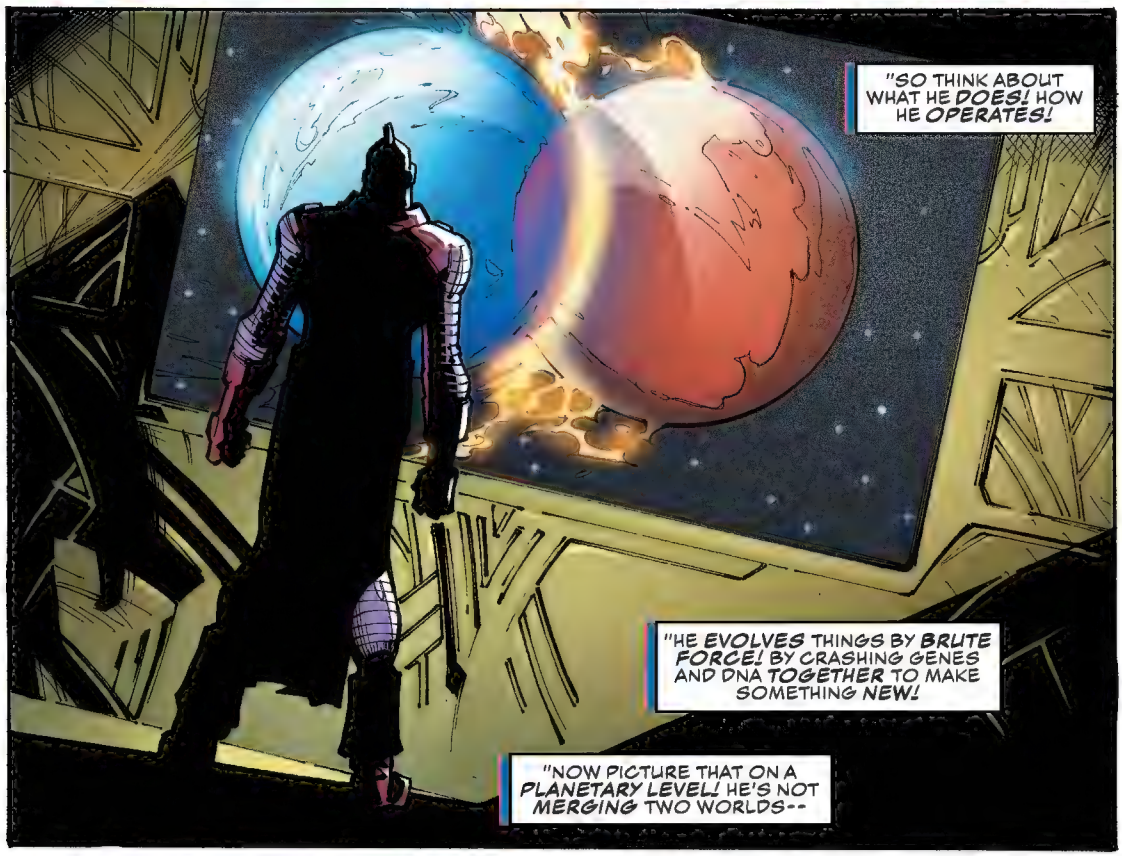
SAM! IT'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT! I HAVE YOU!
NNNNNHH...
ARE YOU HURT? CAN YOU STAND?
YOU'RE JUST...IN TIME. THEY DIDN'T... DO ANY REAL DAMAGE.
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
STRAIGHT AHEAD! GIVE ME A MOMENT TO JOIN YOU!
VIVIAN... MY VIVIAN...
HE SAID HE "EVOLVED" ME. I DON'T FEEL "EVOLVED."
MY BODY FEELS SO HEAVY. MY MIND'S SO CLOUDED...
IS THIS HOW HUMANS FEEL? SAD AND TRAPPED AND BROKEN?
IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT. I PROMISE. STAY HERE.
ARE MY FRIENDS IN DANGER?
THEN THERE'S NO TIME FOR SELF-PITY.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU!
LOOK AT YOU. BARELY A RUNG OR TWO UP THE EVOLUTIONARY LADDER.
APES YOU WERE...
TKK
...APES YOU SHALL BE AGAIN.
PULL BACK! BACK!

HE JUST AIMED SOME SORT OF...DEVOLUTION RADIATION AT US!
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
IT'S STILL GROWING! GO!
LOOK AT WHAT IT'S DOING TO THE NATIVES!
POUR IT ON!
WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT!
NOVA? WHAT ARE YOU--

SSSSS
KAW
OH, MAN.
PUMPING OUT A SURGE OF OPPOSING RADIATION? THAT'S NEW! NICE! HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WOULD WORK?
I CROSSED MY FINGERS. OH, MAN.
ONCE MORE INTO THE FRAY, THEN!
AND BACK TO VIVIAN.
WAIT! WE FINALLY FOUND OUT WHAT'S AT STAKE! LISTEN TO US!

"ASCENSION" ISN'T ABOUT MERGING THE WORLDS!
FALCON SAYS THE EVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS TO BE WORKING ON A COSMIC SCALE NOW!


"SO THINK ABOUT WHAT HE DOES! HOW HE OPERATES!
"HE EVOLVES THINGS BY BRUTE FORCE! BY CRASHING GENES AND DNA TOGETHER TO MAKE SOMETHING NEW!
"NOW PICTURE THAT ON A PLANETARY LEVEL! HE'S NOT MERGING TWO WORLDS--

"--HE'S COLLIDING THEM!

"HE WANTS TO START FRESH WITH A BLANK-CANVAS SUPERPLANET!
"HE'S IMMORTAL! HE DOESN'T CARE AT ALL THAT IT'LL TAKE MILLIONS OF YEARS FOR WHAT'S LEFT TO RECOMBINE!
"WE'RE JUST AN EXTINCTION-LEVEL EXPERIMENT!"

BUT. I'M TOLD THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY IS THE ONE WHO MADE COUNTER-EARTH. CREATED IT WHOLE. YES?
YES. SO?
SO WE THINK...WE THINK MAYBE THAT GIVES US AN OUT.
AND IT'S BACK AT EVOLUTIONARY CENTRAL!
HURRY!
"WE CAN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT!"
SPLENDID. MY "CHARIOT" INDEED AWAITS.
TELEPORT COORDINATES LOCKED.

SZAAAK
COUNTER-EARTH DIDN'T JUST HAPPEN TO BE OUT OF PHASE WITH EARTH WHEN YOU CREATED IT, YOU MONSTER.
THAT WAS AN ADD-ON TO ESCAPE DETECTION--
--AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SCREWED.
THAT'S THE "OFF SWITCH" HULK WAS TALKING ABOUT!
WHATEVER MACHINE OF YOURS SETS THIS WORLD'S VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCY, WE CAN CHANGE THAT AND SLIP THROUGH EARTH--
--ONCE YOU SURRENDER ITS LOCATION!
NEVER! NEVER AGAIN!
I WILL NOT FACE HIM--AND NEITHER WILL YOU!

THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE!
STOP! STOP BEFORE--
NO! NO!
EYAAAAAH
WE...WE DIDN'T MEAN FOR HIM TO...
NOT YOUR FAULT. YOU COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THAT WOULD HAPPEN.
THAT SAID... NOW WE'RE SCREWED.
PHASE INCOMING!
BRACE YOURSELVES!

THEY'RE GETTING MUCH WORSE. HOW MANY BEFORE SOLID IMPACT? TWO? THREE?
WHERE DO WE FIND THIS VIBRATORY MACHINE?
I THINK I CAN HELP.

WHAT COMPUTER SKILLS I HAD ARE FADING FROM MEMORY, BUT I REMEMBERED ENOUGH TO ACCESS A CITADEL MAP.
THERE'S SOMETHING MASSIVE DEEP UNDERGROUND. IT HAS TO BE THE MACHINE. I CAN TAKE US TO AN ACCESS POINT.
VIVIAN, YOU ARE NOT SAFE HERE! I TOLD YOU TO STAY WHERE YOU...
...
I AM PROUD OF YOU.

KISS, KISS. CAN WE NOT GET AHEAD OF OURSELVES, PEOPLE? THE NEXT STEP ISN'T TOTAL CAKE!
EVEN IF WE GET TO THE EVOLUTIONARY'S MACHINE--
--THERE'S A REASON HE DIDN'T JUST USE IT RATHER THAN ALTER OUR PLANET--
--AND THAT REASON? YOU HEARD HIM! HE'S TERRIFIED OF SOMETHING DOWN THERE!
SOMETHING WORSE THAN HE IS? WE'RE SURE WE WANT TO DO THIS?
AH, WHO 'M I KIDDING?
LET'S GO!

WORLDS COLLIDE PART FIVE

COUNTER-EARTH.
FIFTY-EIGHT MINUTES LEFT
TO PREVENT IT FROM COLLIDING WITH THE EARTH--
KAPOW
--AT THE COST OF TWELVE BILLION LIVES.

WAS THAT THE LAST OBSTACLE?
HAVE WE BEEN THAT LUCKY SO FAR, SPIDER-MAN?
WE'RE MILES AND MILES UNDERGROUND. SHOULDN'T WE HAVE MELTED BY THIS POINT?
OBVIOUSLY, THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY BUILT THIS CORRIDOR WITH A VERTICAL MAGNETIC FIELD THAT ACTS AS A HEAT SHIELD, AND WOW.
IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ON A 10^6 MEGATESLA ORDER OF MAGNITUDE, WITH--
MAGNETIC FIELD. CHECK.
WE SHOULD BE NEARING OUR TARGET.
THERE IS A NATURAL POINT WHERE THE VIBRATIONAL MACHINE'S PLACEMENT WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE.
I WAS ABOUT TO SAY THAT OUR HIGH EVOLUTIONARY PAL BURIED HIS GIZMO DEEP.
THAT IS NOT WHAT CONCERNS ME, MS. MARVEL. WHAT DOES IS THAT THERE IS SOMETHING DOWN HERE ALONG WITH IT THAT FRIGHTENS HIM.
OTHERWISE, HE WOULD SIMPLY HAVE ALTERED THIS PLANET'S RESONANCE RATHER THAN OURS.
WELL, WHATEVER IT IS...

...I THINK WE FOUND ITS FRONT DOOR.
WHO WANTS TO KNOCK?
FIFTY-TWO MINUTES.
PUT ME IN, COACH!
LET HERCULES CARRY HIS WEIGHT ON THIS MISSION!

TERRIFIC. I WONDER WHAT'S DOWN BELOW.
THOR, CAN YOU?
I SEE NO BOTTOM. IF WE'RE ALL TO TRAVEL, THE FLIERS NEED TO PAIR OFF WITH THE REST.
NOT YOU, VIVIAN.
KRAKOOM
I COULD NOT STRAND YOU AMIDST THE CHAOS ABOVE, BUT I WILL NOT PERMIT YOU TO--
IF YOU ATTEMPT TO LEAVE ME HERE, I WILL SIMPLY JUMP.
OKAY. WE GO, BUT CAUTIOUSLY.
WELL, ALSO QUICKLY. TIME'S NOT ON OUR SIDE.
FORTY-EIGHT MINUTES.

THERE IS A CONSISTENCY IN ALL MYTHS--
--THE MOST FEARSOME THREATS ARE ALWAYS UNDERGROUND.
AYE. CERBERUS. MINOS. HADES. WHO KNOWS WHAT LIES BENEATH COUNTER-EARTH? STAY VIGILANT.
THERE IS SOMETHING YOU HAVE BEEN WISHING TO TELL ME SINCE THIS MISSION BEGAN. PERHAPS NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME.
THERE IS NO "GOOD" TIME. BUT YOUR TRANSFORMATION INTO HUMAN FORM ONLY MAKES IT MORE...
VIVIAN, I HAVE KEPT SOMETHING FROM YOU: THE REASON I HAVE BEEN SO VERY PROTECTIVE OF YOU.
NOT LONG AGO, I ENCOUNTERED A FUTURE VERSION OF MYSELF. ONE THAT HAD LIVED MANY, MANY THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
I HAVE A LONG LIFE YET TO LIVE. YOU...
FATHER?
...
YOU DO NOT.

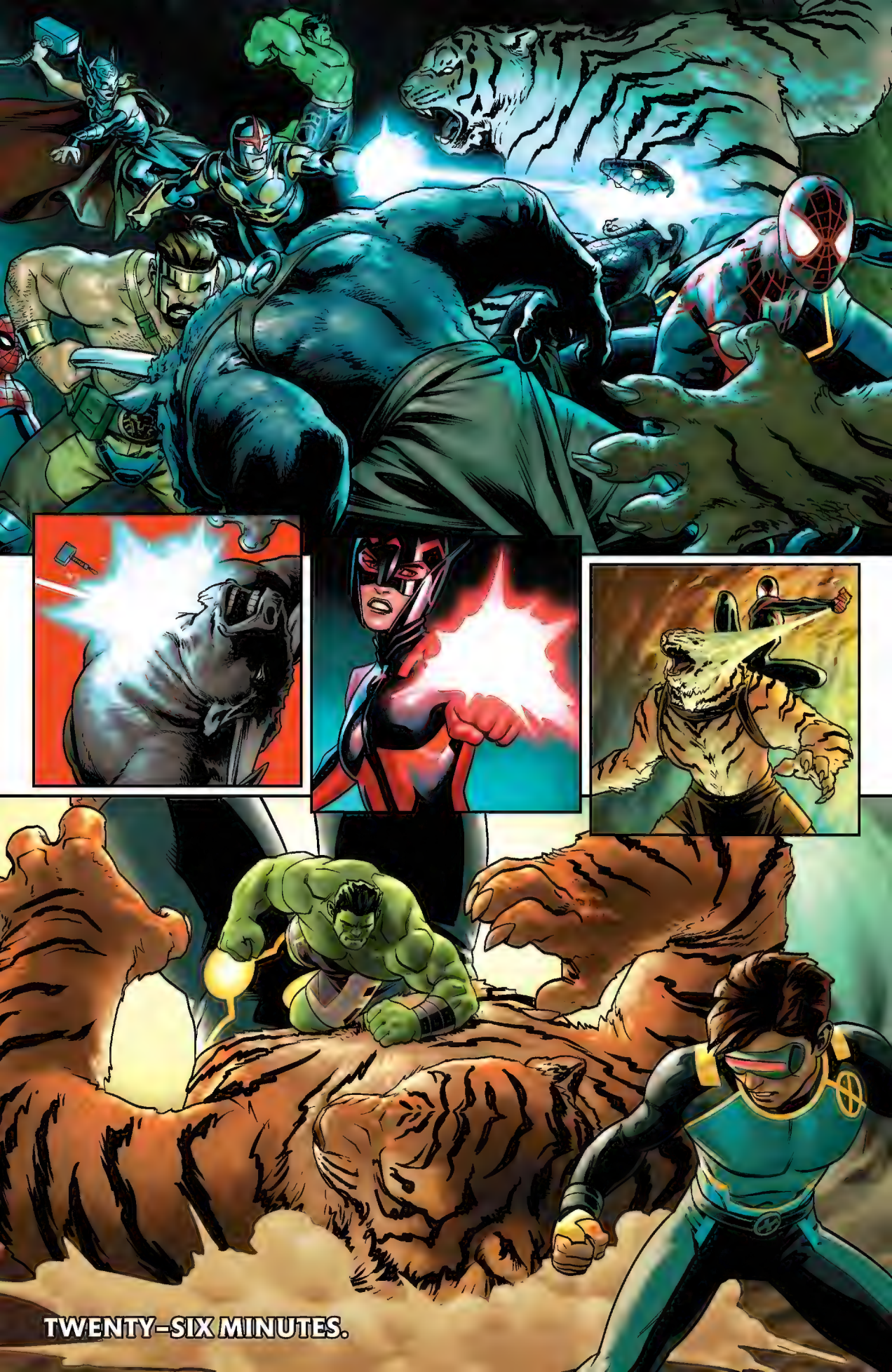
YOU WILL ENJOY A REGULAR HUMAN LIFESPAN. I CONSTRUCTED YOU USING MATERIALS THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO AGE NORMALLY.
THIS MEANS THAT SOMEDAY, VIVIAN...THIS MEANS...
...I WILL HAVE TO BURY YOU.
AND SO I WORK ANXIOUSLY TO HAVE AS MUCH TIME WITH YOU AS POSSIBLE. I TRY TO HOLD YOU DEAR, TO SHIELD YOU FROM HARM--
--EVEN THOUGH I KNOW I AM DESTINED TO FAIL YOU.
NOT TODAY.

LAND HO, EVERYBODY.
PLEASE TELL ME I'M THE ONLY ONE HEARING DISTANT SCREAMING AND HOWLING.
THIRTY-THREE MINUTES.

OHHHH, IF ONLY.

ATTACK.

FIGHT HARD, PEOPLE!
TIME TO GET CLOBBERING!
I WANT TO HELP!
NO! ABSOLUTELY NOT!
I MEAN IT THIS TIME, VIVIAN! STAY HERE!
DO NOT MOVE!
SSSTOP THEM!
THEY MUSSST NOT PASSSS!
TWENTY-NINE MINUTES.

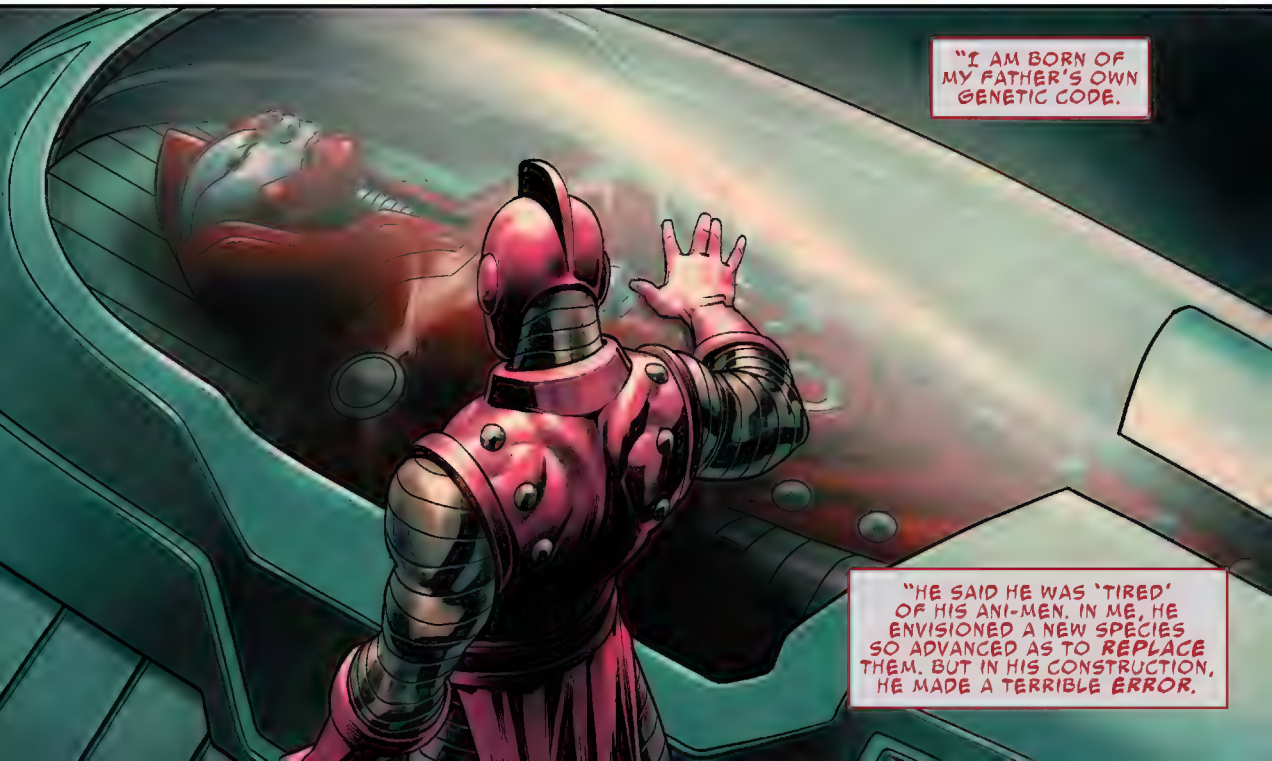

TWENTY-SIX MINUTES.

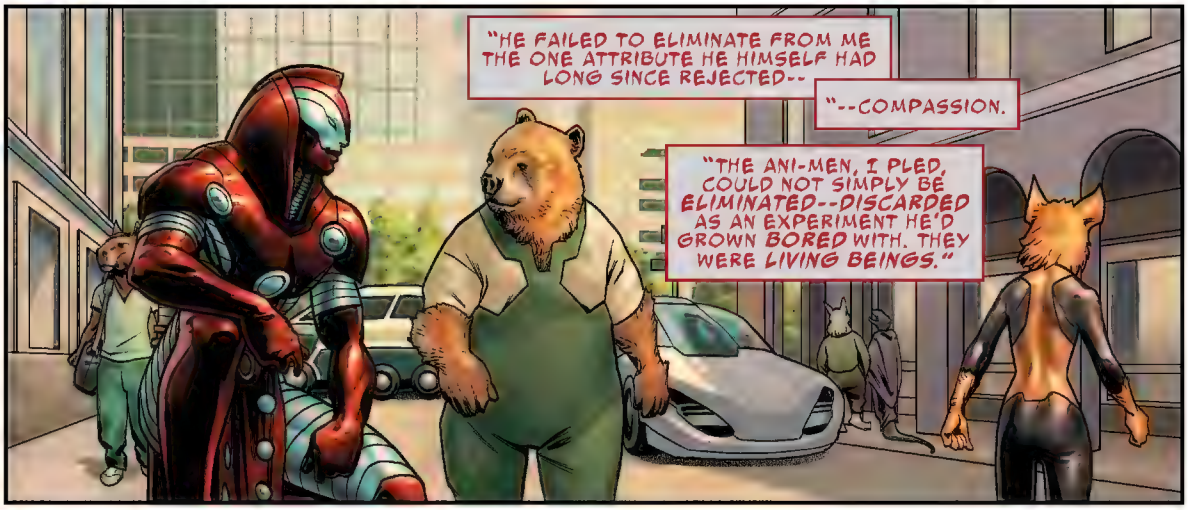
IS...
...IS SOMEONE THERE...?
FATHER...
...IS THAT YOU...?

...
WHO ARE YOU? YOU LOOK LIKE THE EVOLUTIONARY, BUT...
I AM BOTH MY FATHER'S GREATEST TRIUMPH AND HIS GREATEST FAILURE.
IF YOU HAVE COME WITH A MESSAGE FROM HIM, TAKE ONE BACK INSTEAD...
...THE HIGHER EVOLUTIONARY CHOOSES NEVER TO STOP SUFFERING FOR HIS CREATIONS.

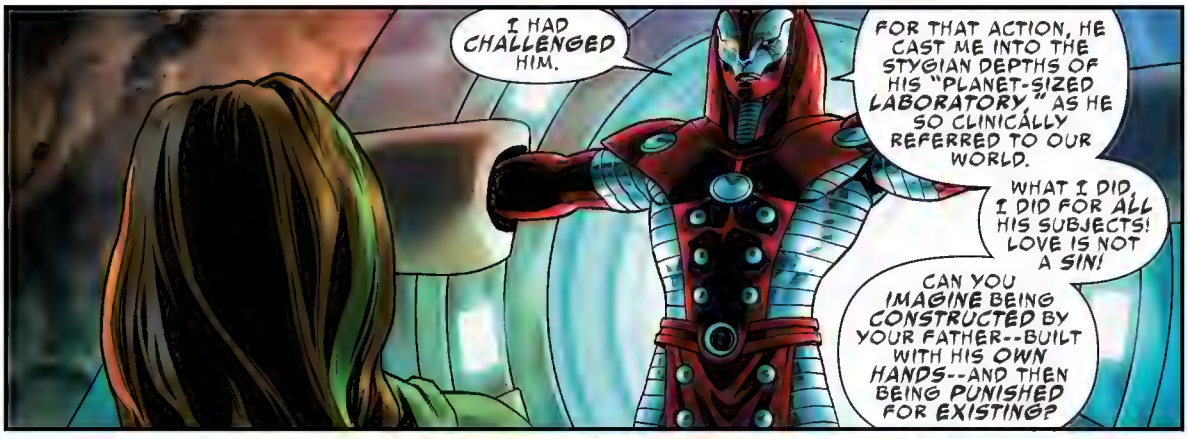
EIGHTEEN MINUTES.

YOU'RE CLEARLY IN AGONY. WHAT IS THIS PLACE? WHY DO YOU CALL THE EVOLUTIONARY "FATHER"?
LIKE THE ANI-MEN ABOVE, I AM A MUTATION. BUT I AM UNIQUE.


"I AM BORN OF MY FATHER'S OWN GENETIC CODE.
"HE SAID HE WAS 'TIRED' OF HIS ANI-MEN. IN ME, HE ENVISIONED A NEW SPECIES SO ADVANCED AS TO REPLACE THEM. BUT IN HIS CONSTRUCTION, HE MADE A TERRIBLE ERROR.

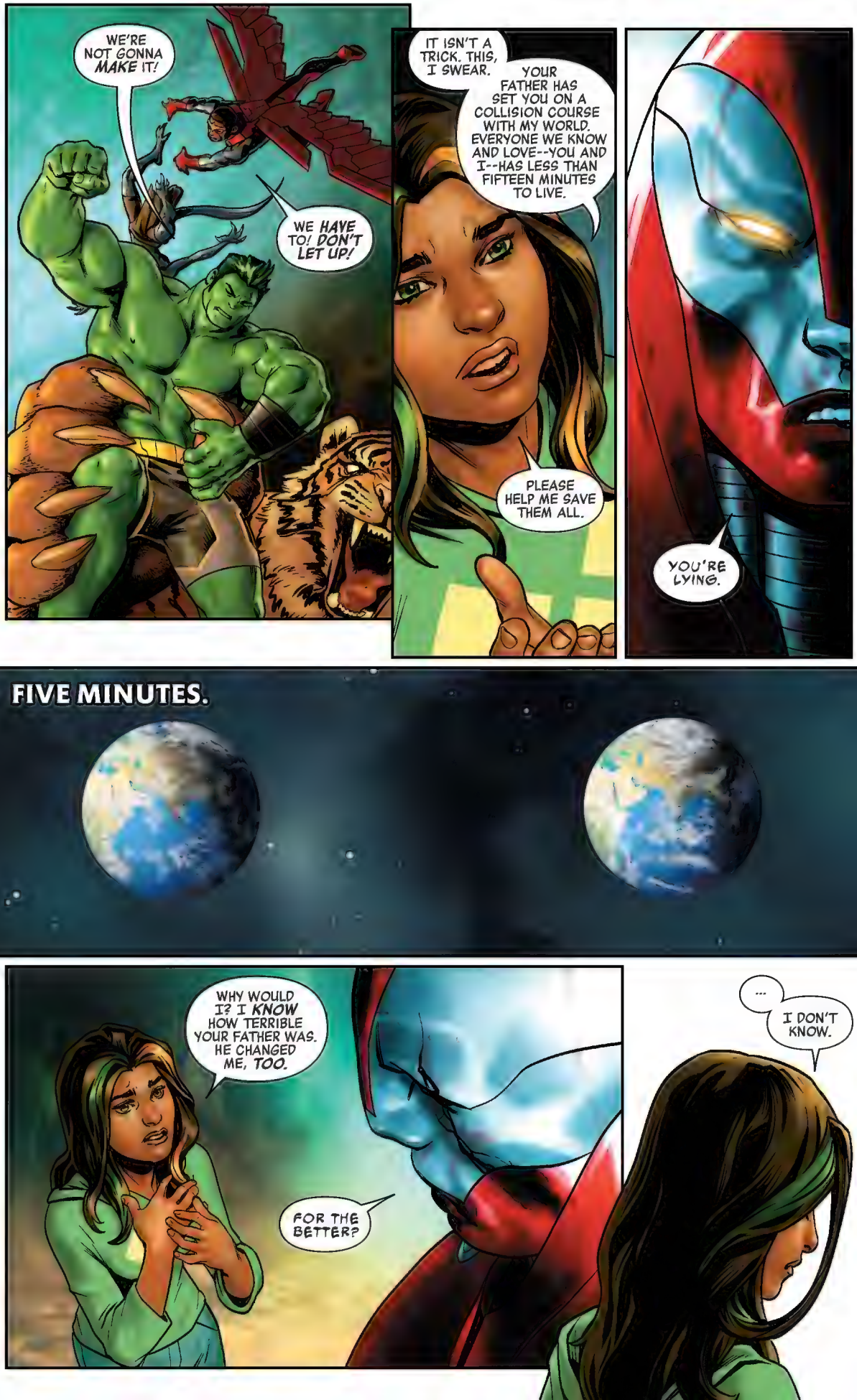

"HE FAILED TO ELIMINATE FROM ME THE ONE ATTRIBUTE HE HIMSELF HAD LONG SINCE REJECTED--
"--COMPASSION.
"THE ANI-MEN, I PLED, COULD NOT SIMPLY BE ELIMINATED--DISCARDED AS AN EXPERIMENT HE'D GROWN BORED WITH. THEY WERE LIVING BEINGS."

SIXTEEN MINUTES.


I HAD CHALLENGED HIM.
FOR THAT ACTION, HE CAST ME INTO THE STYGIAN DEPTHS OF HIS "PLANET-SIZED LABORATORY," AS HE SO CLINICALLY REFERRED TO OUR WORLD.
WHAT I DID, I DID FOR ALL HIS SUBJECTS! LOVE IS NOT A SIN!
CAN YOU IMAGINE BEING CONSTRUCTED BY YOUR FATHER--BUILT WITH HIS OWN HANDS--AND THEN BEING PUNISHED FOR EXISTING?

NO.

NINE MINUTES.
I'M SORRY FOR YOUR PAIN. BUT THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY IS GONE NOW. AND MY FRIENDS AND I CAN HELP YOU.
"THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DO.
"LIKE YOU, WE'RE HERE TO SAVE THE ANT-MEN!"
IF YOU CAN GIVE US ACCESS TO YOUR MACHINE--
NO! THIS IS A TRICK!
TO TOUCH THE ORBIT-ENGINE IS TO DESTROY US ALL!
HE'S BOUND YOU TO IT--
I HAVE CHAINED MYSELF! I AM ITS GUARDIAN!
NO ONE MUST TAMPER WITH THE HEART OF MY WORLD! I WILL NOT ALLOW MORE SUFFERING! LEAVE ME!


WE'RE NOT GONNA MAKE IT!
WE HAVE TO! DON'T LET UP!
IT ISN'T A TRICK. THIS, I SWEAR.
YOUR FATHER HAS SET YOU ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH MY WORLD. EVERYONE WE KNOW AND LOVE--YOU AND I--HAS LESS THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES TO LIVE.
PLEASE HELP ME SAVE THEM ALL.
YOU'RE LYING.
FIVE MINUTES.
WHY WOULD I? I KNOW HOW TERRIBLE YOUR FATHER WAS. HE CHANGED ME, TOO.
FOR THE BETTER?
...
I DON'T KNOW.

PLEASE. WE HAVE TO USE THE... WHAT DID YOU CALL IT? THE ORBIT-ENGINE.
IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SHIFT YOUR WORLD'S FREQUENCY SO IT DOESN'T IMPACT WITH MINE.
"THERE ARE SO MANY ABOVE US RIGHT NOW WHO YOU'VE SAID YOU CARE ABOUT. PROVE IT.
"I'M SORRY YOUR FATHER WAS HORRIBLE TO YOU...BUT NOT ALL FATHERS ARE LIKE THAT.
"YOU'D LIKE MINE. HE'S GOOD TO EVERYONE. HE'S KIND, AND HE IS FULL OF LOVE."
PLEASE DON'T LET A FATHER'S KINDNESS DIE.

THREE MINUTES.

SHE'S
THE CONTROLS ARE IN HERE. THIS WILL NOT TAKE LONG. EVEN THE SLIGHTEST ADJUSTMENT WILL SUFFICE.
HOW DO I--
YOU CANNOT ENTER. THE VIBRATIONAL FEEDBACK WOULD TEAR YOUR MORTAL BODY APART.
YOU WOULD DIE.
ONLY I CAN--
KA-THOOM

YOU ATTACK! YOU LIED TO ME AFTER ALL!
YOU ARE HERE TO DESTROY MY WORLD!
VIVIAN?
ONE MINUTE.
DEVILS! DEFILERS!
I SHALL NOT YIELD!

VIVIAN, STOP!
SHHTNNK

YOU DID IT! NOW TAKE MY HAND!
I HAVE YOU!
IT'S OKAY.
YOU'RE SAFE. THAT'S WHAT MATTERS.
VIVIAN!
VIVIANNNN--!

NOISIA
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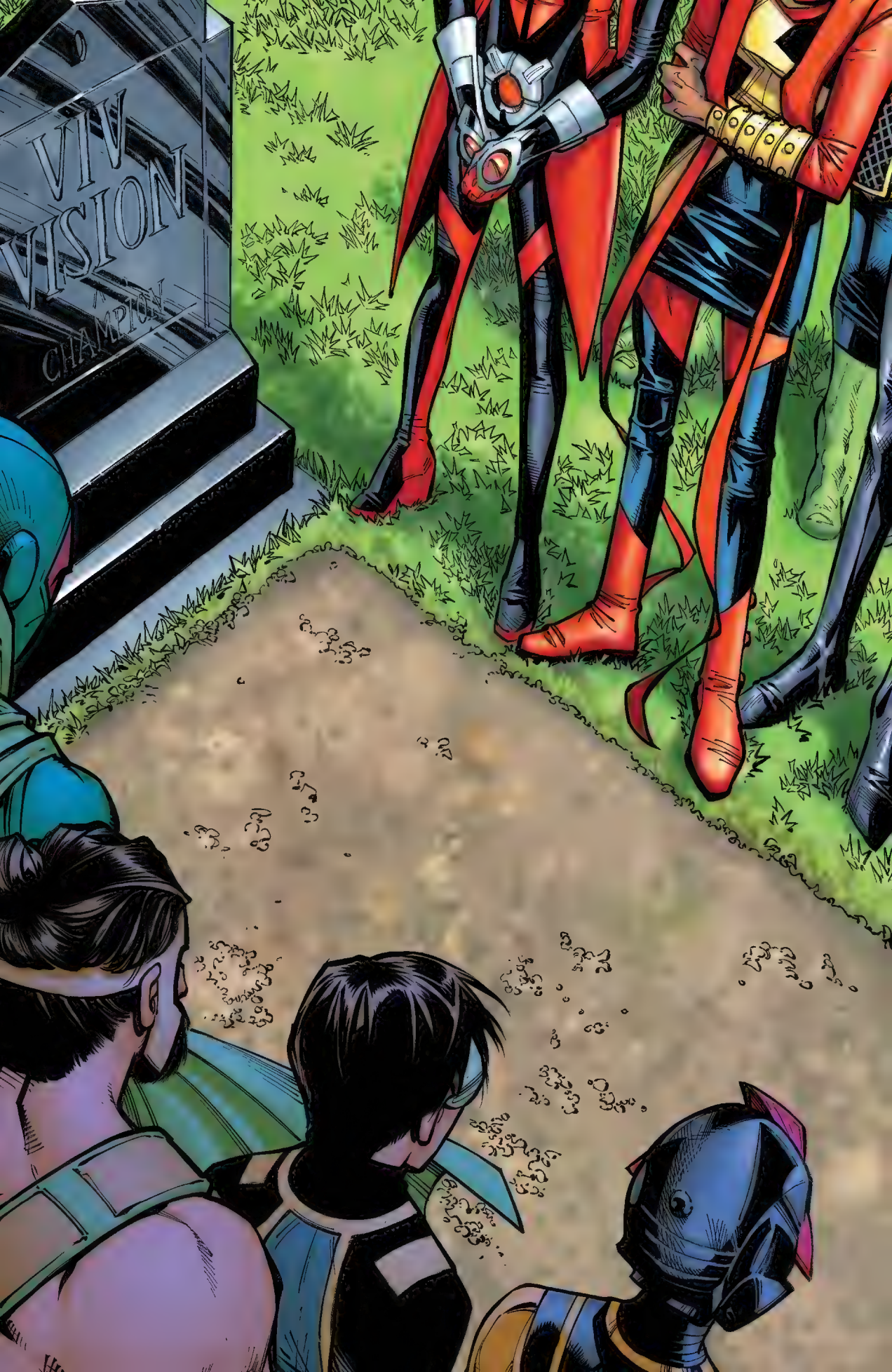
...WHERE AM I...?

WORLDS COLLIDE PART SIX


VIV
VISION
CHAMPION

HELLO?
WHERE AM I?
IS ANYONE THERE?
VIVIAN?
YES!
I'M COMING! DON'T GO ANYWHERE!
THE LAST THING I REMEMBER, I WAS IN A *MACHINE* AND MY FATHER WAS REACHING OUT FOR ME!
DADDY, IS THAT--
--YOU?
I'M AFRAID NOT. ALTHOUGH YOUR FATHER CERTAINLY HAD A HAND IN *PUTTING* ME HERE.

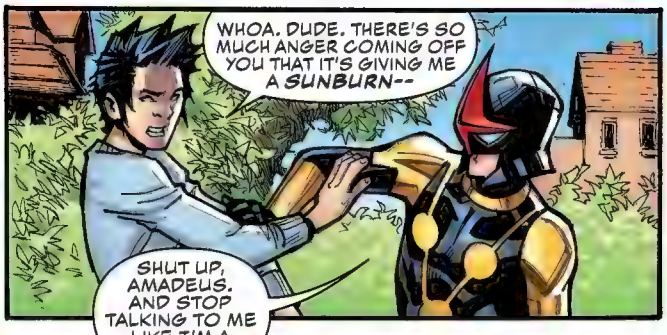
HOW INTRIGUING TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
EVOLUTIONARY.
THEY SAID YOU DIED.
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY. HERE.
NOURISH YOURSELF.
TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS "MACHINE."
NO.
HOW DID I GET HERE? WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
I HAVE THE SAME QUESTIONS.
LET'S GO LOOK FOR ANSWERS.
UNLESS YOU'D RATHER STAY HERE IN A STRANGE AND PERILOUS LAND ALONE...

GEORGETOWN, WASHINGTON, D.C.
HOME OF THE VISIONS.
...MINUTE BOTH PLANETS WERE STABILIZED, MY HAMMER WAS ABLE TO BREACH THE VIBRATIONAL BOUNDARIES, YES.
WE SEARCHED THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY'S CITADEL IN HOPES OF FINDING VIV'S ORIGINAL SYNTHEZOID FORM, BUT IT NO LONGER EXISTS. APPARENTLY, SHE TRULY WAS CHANGED INTO A HUMAN BEING.
"THE VISION IS IN DEEP DENIAL. HE'S BARELY SAID TWO WORDS SINCE WE GOT BACK.
"WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIM."

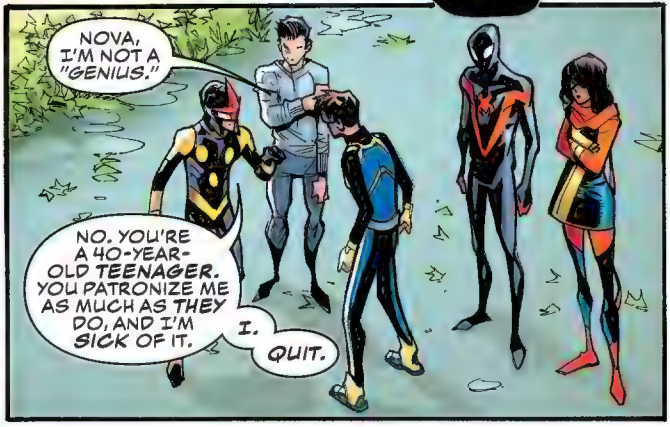
THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS, JARVIS. I'M SORRY YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE FUNERAL.
MAY I SPEAK TO MR. VISION? OFFER SOME WORDS OF COMFORT?
I'LL--
I'M AFRAID NOT.
HE'S--
HE'S IN HIS BASEMENT LABORATORY. HE ASKED US TO LEAVE HIM BE.
VERY WELL. IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO, I WILL. SPIDER-MAN SENDS HIS REGARDS. GIVE OUR FRIEND MY BEST.
YOU SEEM ANNOYED.
PLEASE STOP RUNNING OVER ME WHEN I'M TALKING, THOR!
LITTLE ONE, I NEVER INTENDED TO--
PEOPLE? I NEED SOME HELP OUT HERE.
NOW.

NOVA WON'T LISTEN TO REASON.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT REASON, CYCLOPS.
I QUIT. I CAN'T BE WITH YOU GUYS ANYMORE.
I QUIT THE CHAMPIONS.


WHOA. DUDE. THERE'S SO MUCH ANGER COMING OFF YOU THAT IT'S GIVING ME A SUNBURN--
SHUT UP, AMADEUS. AND STOP TALKING TO ME LIKE I'M A MONKEY.

HE DIDN'T MEAN--
DO YOU KNOW WHY I LIKED VIV? BECAUSE I'M ON A TEAM FULL OF FRIGGIN' GENIUSES, AND SHE NEVER MADE ME FEEL STUPID.


NOVA, I'M NOT A "GENIUS."
NO. YOU'RE A 40-YEAR-OLD TEENAGER. YOU PATRONIZE ME AS MUCH AS THEY DO, AND I'M SICK OF IT.
I. QUIT.

HNNH!
WHY DO YOU DO THESE AWFUL THINGS? TRANSFORM ANIMALS, TRANSFORM PEOPLE, INTO MONSTERS?
YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A MONSTER NOW? NOT A PINOCCHIO PUPPET TURNED INTO A REAL GIRL?
YOU SOUNDED STARTLED. YOU WERE TELLING ME THAT VIBRATIONS FROM MY WORLDCORE MACHINE SENT YOU HERE. IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE?
I JUST... I SAW MY DAD? MY EYES PLAYED A TRICK...
...MAYBE BECAUSE OF HOW YOU REBUILT ME? I'M NOT SURE.
I WAS NEVER A PUPPET.
YOU'RE EVIL.

YOU PRACTICED UNNATURAL EVOLUTION ON AN ENTIRE PLANET.
"UNNATURAL." WHAT AN IGNORANT TERM.
MANKIND ENACTS EVOLUTION EVERY DAY. IT CREATES NEW FLOWERS THROUGH GENE-SPLICING. NEW FOODSTUFFS. NEW PHARMACEUTICALS.
A CORNFIELD IS "UNNATURAL EVOLUTION," UNLESS YOU BELIEVE THAT WILD CORN GROWS IN NEAT, ORDERED ROWS.
"IN A WAY, YOUR FATHER AND HIS ALLIES 'EVOLVED' ME, HOWEVER ACCIDENTALLY.
"IN DESTROYING MY VIBRATIONAL TRANSPORT, THE RESULTANT EXPLOSION TRANSHUMANIZED ME INTO THE FINAL STAGE OF EVOLUTION."
A LIVING SIGNAL OF PURE DATA THAT "REMEMBERS" MY PHYSICAL FORM.
A SIGNAL THAT CAN TRAVEL ANYWHERE SO LONG AS IT CAN MAKE PROPER CONTACT.
IS...
...IS THAT WHAT I AM, TOO? DATA?
NO.
NOT YET.

MY DAD WAS YOUR GRANDFATHER. THAT MAKES ME VIV'S GREAT-AUNT, TWICE REMOVED. OR COUSINS. OR SOMETHING.
BUT I'M STILL FAMILY. VISION...
...IF YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST REBUILD HER...THAT JUST FEELS WRONG SOMEHOW.
I UNDERSTAND THIS, NADIA.
BUT SO LONG AS I AM DOING SOMETHING, IT HURTS LESS.
I COULD PURGE MY EMOTIONS ALTOGETHER, AS I HAVE ONCE BEFORE.
BUT I FEAR THAT WITHOUT THIS PAIN, THE DAUGHTER I LOVED WILL BE REDUCED TO A MERE FACT IN MY CONSCIOUSNESS.
AND WHAT SORT OF FATHER WOULD I BE TO REMEMBER HER SO COLDLY?
I NEVER THOUGHT TO ASK, BUT...
...IF YOUR ENGRAMS, YOUR BRAIN PATTERNS, CAME FROM WONDER MAN...
...THEN WHERE DID VIV'S COME FROM?
VISION?

I DOUBT YOUR FRIEND WOULD HAVE WANTED YOU TO LEAVE ON HER BEHALF.
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HER! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!
WE'RE NOT SIDEKICKS! WE'RE AS GOOD AS YOU!
AND YOU DON'T LISTEN!
SKOOM
MARVEL! YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR LITTLE HOTHEAD IN CHECK, MAYBE?
SURE! YOU WANNA KEEP YOUR CONDESCENSION TO YOURSELF, FALCON?

WHAM
WE GET IT! YOU'RE THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!
HIGH AND MIGHTY!

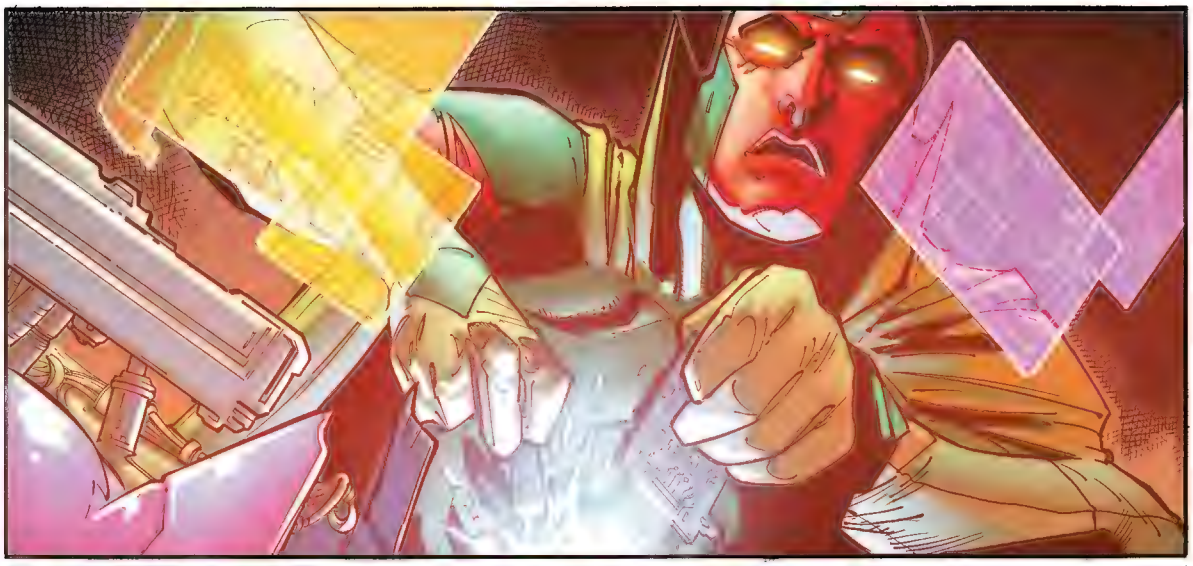
STOP!
YES, WE ARE ALL ON EDGE-- BUT WHATEVER OUR DIFFERENCES, CAN WE NOT HAVE IT OUT IN A MOURNING MAN'S BACKYARD?

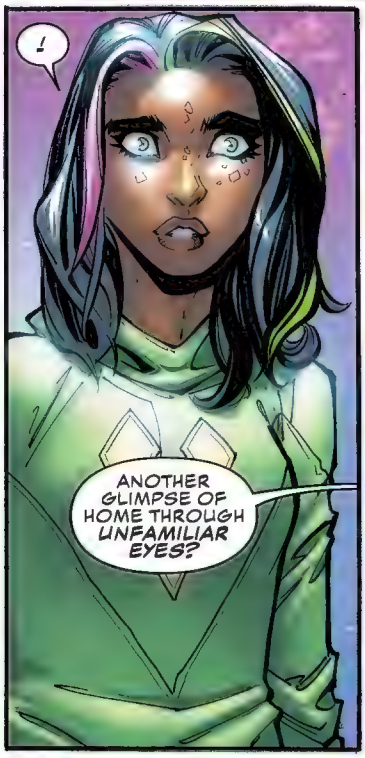
WE SHOULD BE LEAVING ANYWAY. CHAMPIONS--

--LET'S TAKE THIS UP SOME OTHER TIME.
NOVA, C'MON...

IF WE'RE SO MUCH SMARTER THAN YOU--
--HOW COME YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FIGURED OUT HOW TO SAVE US FROM THE EVOLUTIONARY'S DEVOLUTION BOMB?
STAY. WE CAN'T LOSE YOU, TOO. WE CAN'T.

OKAY.
I JUST MISS HER.
US, TOO.

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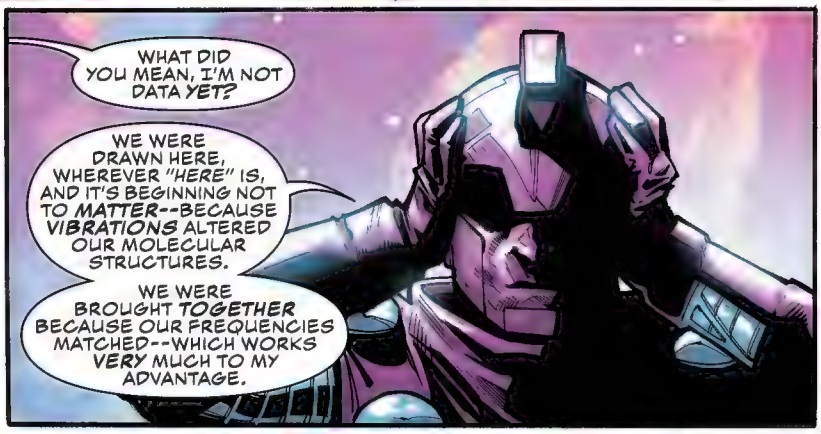
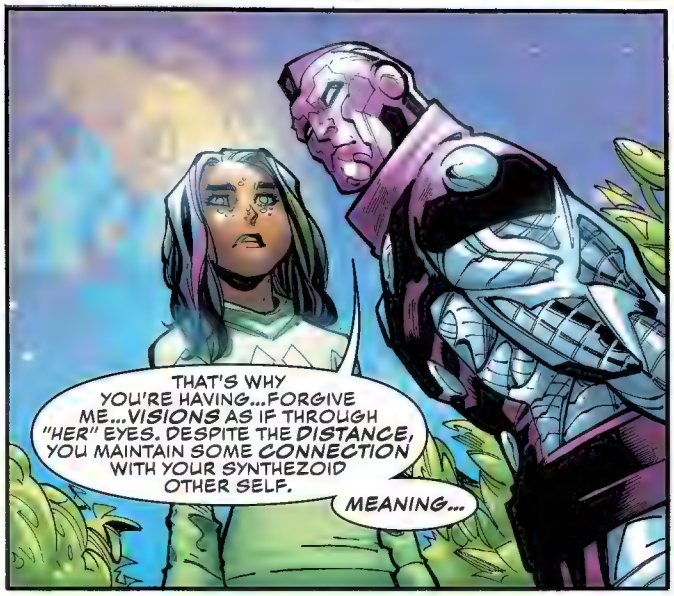
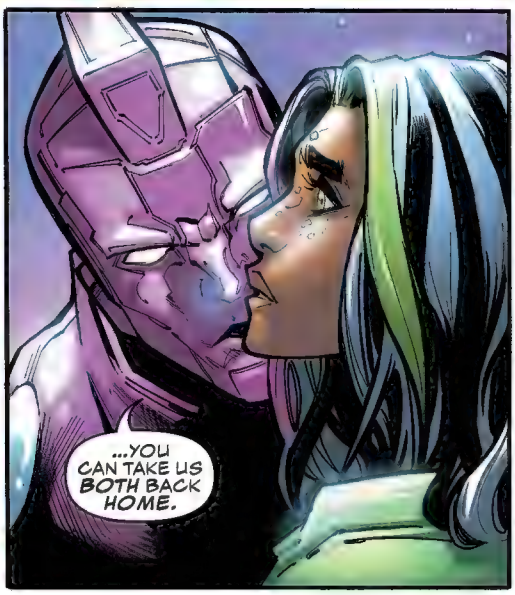
ANOTHER GLIMPSE OF HOME THROUGH *UNFAMILIAR* EYES?


WHAT DID YOU MEAN, I'M NOT DATA *YET?*
WE WERE DRAWN HERE, WHEREVER *"HERE"* IS, AND IT'S BEGINNING NOT TO *MATTER*--BECAUSE *VIBRATIONS* ALTERED OUR MOLECULAR STRUCTURES.
WE WERE BROUGHT *TOGETHER* BECAUSE OUR FREQUENCIES MATCHED--WHICH WORKS *VERY* MUCH TO MY ADVANTAGE.

"AS A *LIVING SIGNAL*, I WOULD SEEM TO BE *TRAPPED* HERE BECAUSE I HAVE NO RECEIVER IN OUR REALITY.
"YOU MIGHT, HOWEVER. I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT YOUR HEARTBROKEN FATHER IS ATTEMPTING TO *RECONSTRUCT* YOU, DON'T YOU IMAGINE?"


THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HAVING...FORGIVE ME...*VISIONS* AS IF THROUGH *"HER"* EYES. DESPITE THE *DISTANCE*, YOU MAINTAIN SOME *CONNECTION* WITH YOUR SYNTHEZOID OTHER SELF.
MEANING...


...YOU CAN TAKE US *BOTH* BACK *HOME.*

BECOME A DATASTREAM LIKE ME, AND THE SAD MARIONETTE YOUR FATHER IS BUILDING WILL BE YOUR BEACON BACK.
OUR BEACON.
WITH A TOUCH, I CAN CHANGE YOU INTO PURE ELECTRONICA. THE HIGHEST EVOLUTION. YOU WILL TRAVEL--AND I WITH YOU.
DON'T TOUCH ME!
I CAN'T...I CAN'T LET YOU GET BACK TO EARTH...
IT'S NOT YOUR CHOICE, VIVIAN.

IF I'M TO ESCAPE FROM THIS PLACE, OUR FATES REMAIN INTERTWINED.
AND SO IT SHALL BE. YOU'VE NOWHERE TO RUN, DARLING.
NOWHERE TO HIDE FROM ME.
NOW, FOR THE LAST TIME...
...GIVE ME YOUR HAND.

NO!
STOP! COME BACK HERE! DO NOT ABANDON ME!
DON'T YOU SEE? WE ARE AS ONE NOW! WE ARE ALIKE!
I'M AFRAID NOT. YOU'RE A TRAGIC MADMAN WITH UNFATHOMABLE POWER. AND I--
--I'M ONLY HUMAN.

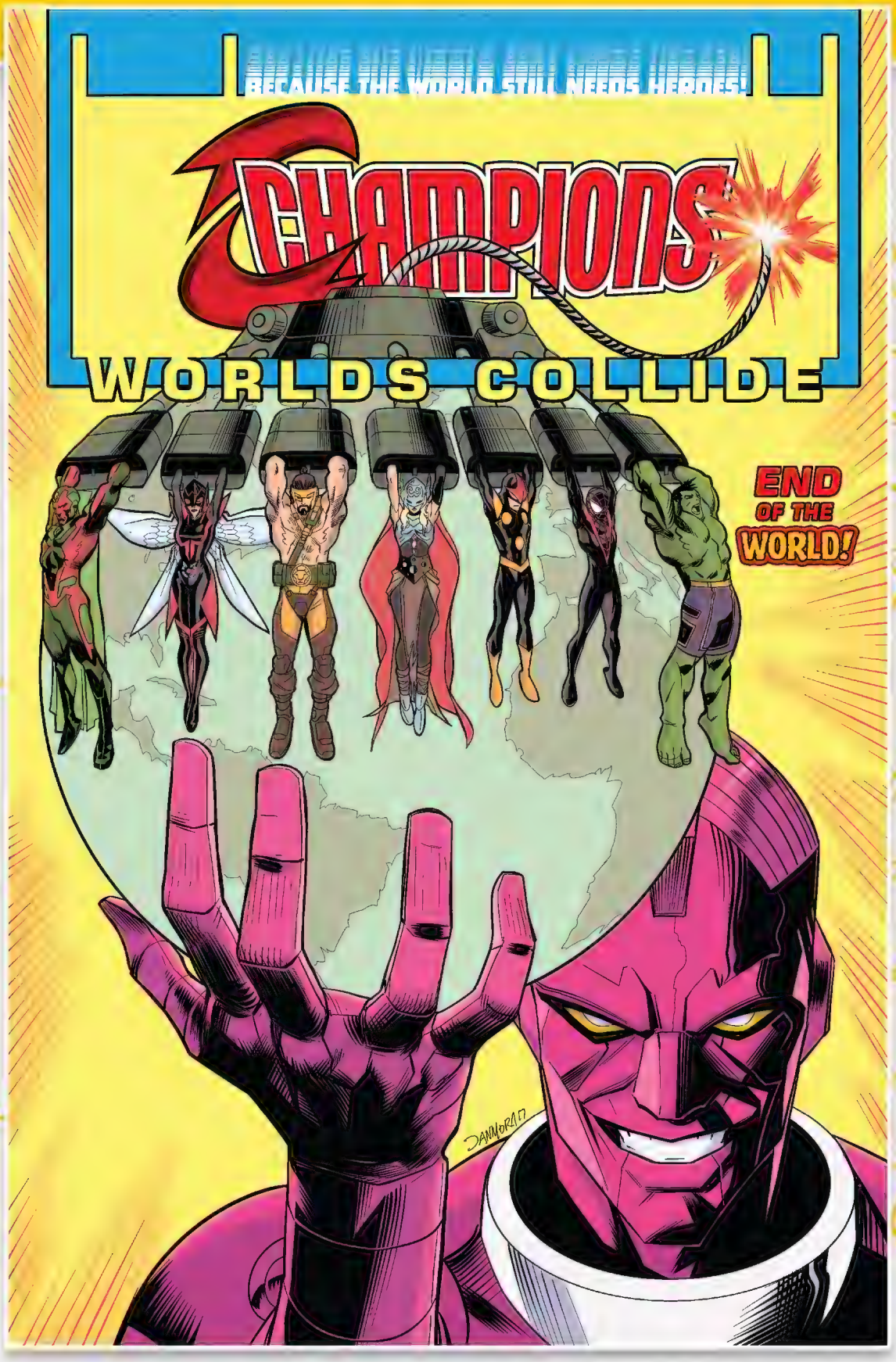
PLEASE DON'T DO THIS.
VISION.

PLEASE.
VIV WAS UNIQUE. SHE WAS SPECIAL. YOU'RE NOT THINKING CLEARLY.
WHATEVER YOU'VE CREATED HERE--WHATEVER VIV 2.0 YOU'VE COBBLED TOGETHER--
--SHE'LL JUST BE AN ECHO. A GHOST.
WE DON'T KNOW THAT.
VISION, YOUR GRIEF IS BLINDING YOU. THE VIV YOU LOVE IS GONE. I'M SO SORRY, BUT YOU CAN'T HAVE HER BACK.
LET ME JUST--NOT FOREVER. FOR A MOMENT, NO MORE.
KLIK
JUST LONG ENOUGH TO SAY GOODBYE.

SKRA-KOOM
WHAT THE HELL--?
VISION? WASP? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHAT HAPPENED DOWN--
--HERE?

NO. NO. THIS CAN'T BE--
WHO ARE YOU?
I AM VIV VISION. WHO ARE YOU?
VIVIAN?
YES?
NEXT IN CHAMPIONS: DOUBLE VISIONS!

AVENGERS #672 HOMAGE VARIANT BY *MICHAEL ALLRED & LAURA ALLRED*



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HOW TO DRAW MS. MARVEL
IN SIX EASY STEPS!

BY CHIP "CHAMP" ZDARSKY

Wow! A "sketch variant cover"! A great way to while away the time AND wreck a cover! Anyway, here's a fun and informative step-by-step guide!

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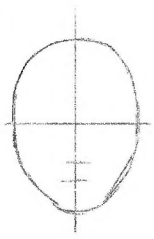

All right! First we start with the outline of her face! Give it an oval shape, but slightly boxy at the bottom! And then you can rough in the center axis for placement of her eyeline, nose and mouth!

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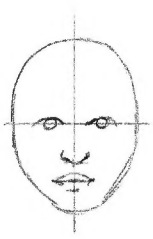

With the guides in place, draw in her eyes, roughly one eye apart, and then her nose and mouth!

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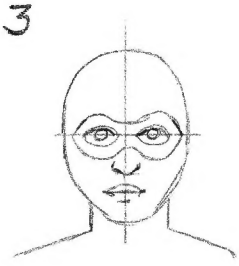

In a nice throwback to when people thought tiny masks hid their identities, add Kamala's! Then, give her a hint of neck and body, so we can add in her hair next!

4

Now for the aforementioned hair! Add some that goes behind her body and some that goes in front! Use your eraser to get rid of guide marks, and then add her scarf and costume details!

5

Now, slightly tweak Kamala's expression to reflect the burden of being Marvel's first Muslim character with her own book and living up to the expectations that come with extra scrutiny and awards and representing an under-represented section of the populace in popular culture.

6

Now add some detail! Voila! All done!

CHAMPIONS #13 HOW TO DRAW VARIANT BY *CHIP ZDARSKY*

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AVENGERS #674 PHOENIX VARIANT BY
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CHAMPIONS #15 PHOENIX VARIANT BY
DAVID NAKAYAMA

THE AVENGERS COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE CHAMPIONS!

THE COUNTDOWN FOR a clash of generations begins when the twisted High Evolutionary sets the Earth on a catastrophic collision course with its opposite number: the unnatural planet Counter-Earth! Can the two teams put their turbulent history aside to meet this threat – or will they be at each other's throat? And even if they can find a way to work together, can this awesome assemblage of heroes save two entire planets from destruction? There are billions of lives on the line, and it will take every single member of both teams to have any hope of stopping the Evolutionary – so what happens when the death of a hero changes the game?

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